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Three Hundred and Sixty-Sixth

Annual Record

of the
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

2004-2005

Colonel William O'Brien

The Two Hundred and Ninety-Sixth Commander

Charter of the Military Company of the Massachusetts
A Generall Courte, houlden at Boston, the 13th of the First Month, A D 1638. & Confirmed by the Generall Court

Whereas divers gentlemen & others, out of their care of the publike weale & safety by the advancement of the military arte, & exrcise of armes, have desired licence of the Courte to joyne themselves in one company, & to have liberty to exercise themselves at such times as their occations will best permit & that such other liberties; & privledges might bee granted them at the Court shallk thinke meete for their better incuragement & furtherance in so usefull impliment, wch request of theirs being referred by the Court to vs of standing councell, wee have throught fitt upon serious consideration, & conference wth diverse of the principall of them, to set downe order hearin, as followeth

Imprimis, wee do order, that Robert Keayne, Nathaniell Duncan, Robert Sedgivick. Willi: Spencer, gentlemen, & such other as are already joyned wth them, & such as they shall from time to time take into their company shalbee called the Millitary Company of the Massachusetts.

2. They, or the greater number of them, shall have liberty to choose their captaine, leittenant & all other officers, (their captaine & leiftenant to bee alwayes such as the Court or counsell shall alow of,) & no officer to bee put upon them but of their owne choyce.

3. The first Monday in every month is appointed for their meeting & exercise, & to the end they may not bee hindered from comeing together, wee do hereby order, that no other traineings in the particuler townes, nor other ordinary towne meetings, shalbee appointed on that day; & if that day pve unseasonable for exercise of their armes, then the sixth of the same weeke is appointed for supply; this not to extend to Salem, or the townes beyond, nor to Hingham, Weimoth, Dedham, nor Concord.

4. They have liberty & power to make orders among themselves for the better maunaging of their millitary affaires, (weh orders are to bee of force when they shall bee alowed by the Court or counsell) & they may appoint an officer to levy any fines or forfeitures wch they impose upon any of their owne company, for the breach of any such order, so as the same exceed not twenty shillings for any one offence.

5. The said millitary copany are to have one thousand acres of land in some such place as may not be piudiciall to any plantation, to bee granted by the Court to some of the said company, for the use of the pesent company, & such as shall succeede in the same, to bee improved by them wthin a time convenient for pviding or necessaries for their millitary exercises, & defraying of other charges whch may arise by occation thereof.

6. The said company shall have liberty, at the times before appointed, to assemble themselves for their millitary exercises in any towne wthin this jurisdiction, at their owne pleasures.

Provided, alwayes, that this order or grant or anything therein contained, shall not extend to free the said company, or any of them, their psons or estates, from the civill government & jurisdiction heare established.

Jo: Winthrop, Govr.
Tho: Dudley, Depu

Colonel William O'Brien
Captain Commanding
The Two Hundred and Ninety-Sixth Commander

March 28, 2006

I have dedicated my command to honor the United State of America (USA). The sergeants, under the leadership of First Sergeant of Artillery, C. Robert Taylor, dedicated their yearbook to honor those who served in the Second World War. Education of the intricacies of our Company was presented by Lieutenant (Doc) John McCauley, Curator. Transportation was arranged by Lieutenant Frank Magaletta. Records and pictures were maintained by Lieutenant Barton Hyte, Lieutenant Steve DeCorta and Lieutenant Bob McGuire. Legal matters were handled by Lieutenant Joe Brodigart. Payments were handled by Colonel Jim Littleton, Paymaster. Military music, at all meetings, was provided by LT Frank Zarba and his Band.

The year started out with our Tour of Duty. We went to New Orleans place of the Battle of Chalmette, the Battle of New Orleans of 1812, in which we defeated the British, who at that time were known as the greatest power of the world, This battle made the world take notice of how strong we were, even after defeating the British in the Revolutionary war of 1776. We then went to Las Vegas where we witnessed our US Air Force's superior airpower. Many never have the opportunity to watch because of the security and the highly classified nature of Nellis Air force Base. We were led by General Rudy Peksens the only officer to have flown, in combat, a fighter, a bomber and a reconnaissance plane.

In November. after a successful Tour of Duty, under the leadership of Captain Joe Benoit, we traveled to Poland. Joe was to lead us under his command to Poland but because of 9/11 was unable to do so. The intense planning and detail of this tour was something we, who traveled, will never forget -- and also the Polish people. The representative of Poland in Massachusetts, Merek Lesmewski-Lass, did an outstanding job in handling many of the details.

After a month off we then took some R&R with our wives or special person on a cruise to Caribbean where we were warmly greeted not only by the crew but also by the Captain who had dinner with us and invited all of our people, at different intervals, to the top deck to observe how the ship operates.

In March, on Saint Patrick's Day, under the command of Lt. Neil O'Leary we traveled to Ireland where we paraded before hundreds of thousands of Irish citizens in Galway with the chant "USA. USA, USA" ringing in our ears. To be received like this brought pride and an emotional high to everyone. In all the tours that I attended, never have we been welcomed like this. They made a plaque in our honor and the Mayor, who we presented a Revere Bowl to, will place the plaque on the town hall forever, to mark our presence.

No year would be complete in America without a tribute to our music and dancing culture. As a tribute to the 50's and 60's, led by Lieutenants Truscello, Ledoux and Fiorenza, we had a Sock Hop, the dance of the Era. We not only had the Sock Hop but we had Elvis Presley in the person of Colonel Thomas Gillis, who stole the night.

In May, under the command of Captain Gerry Sweeney, we traveled to the place of the greatest battle on US soil, Gettysburg. David Ladd, a historian who wrote many books and periodicals about Gettysburg, escorted us. Gerry then led us to Washington DC to visit the memorials of our wars and to honor those who died. We placed wreaths of the graves of President Kennedy and others at the Arlington National Cemetery.

The year concluded with June Day and the guest speaker was, to me, the most significant person in the Presidents Cabinet: Chief of Staff Andrew Card. PC General Milano contacted Andrew Card on our behalf and was able to persuade him to come. The year came to an end with us being able to refocus ourselves if not the oldest company in the Western Hemisphere, the second oldest, we are proud of our heritage as Americans. God Bless us and the United States of America.

Captain Commander
William J. O'Brien
2004-2005

Finally, as this 366th Annual Record of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company goes to press, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to Bill O'Brien for his faith in me and his support for this project. Bill has lived up to the motto of the company: "Facta non Verba" by following through on his commitments to his staff and the company. He has made it fun the whole way for all of us.

I would also like to thank Barton Hyte for his many pictures, truly a labor of love for him on all of our behalves; Bob Maguire, Steve DaCorta, and Neil O'Leary for providing me with the reports that make up the backbone of this record; Joann O'Brien for her support, as well as "lending us the old boy"; and my wife Nancy for her technical support on the computer. Without each of these contributors I could not have completed this record.

Bill, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the experience and support you have provided me this past year.

Sincerely,

S. Andrew Efstathiou

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ANCIENT and HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Chartered in 1638
The First Military Company Chartered in the Western Hemisphere

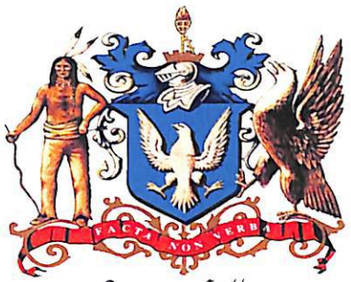
As the settlements, which followed the landing at Plymouth increased and spread, there was no organized military force for protection against the Indians. So-called "Train Bands" were formed in different settlements but these were only local volunteer companies and there was no joint action or centralized authority. Thus the subject of adequate military protection soon became a matter of serious consideration. Many of the settlers had been members in England, of the Honourable Artillery Company at London (organized and chartered in 1527) and it was natural that the military training they had received in that Company should lead them to form a similar organization in the new country. In 1637 a Company was formed for instruction in discipline and tactics, and that year Governor Winthrop was petitioned for a Charter. He refused the request because he feared the establishment of a military force, which might overthrow the civil power. However, the Governor finally granted a Charter in March, 1638, and on the first Monday in June following, an election of Officers was held on Boston Common. The Common then being an open field leading down to the Charles River. The most convenient place to cast the ballots was on the head of the drum, which was placed in front of the Company. Since that time, the Company has maintained the tradition of holding their annual elections on the Boston Common on the first Monday in June by casting the votes on the Drum Head.

The first Captain Commanding of the Company was Robert Keayne, whose home was on the comer of State and Washington Street. Keayne had been a member of the Honourable Artillery Company of London. Upon his death he left, in his will to the Town of Boston, the land at the head of State Street for a Town House; together with money to build it, providing however, that "the Military Company of Massachusetts" should have a room in the Town House for an Armory. This is the land on which the old State House now stands, the gift of which was accepted by the Town of Boston.

Since 1746, the Company Armory has been the upper floor of Faneuil Hall - an historic citadel known to all Americans. In its Armory, the Company maintains a Military Museum and Library, which is without equal in the United States. There are relics of every war in which this Country has

engaged in, since its settlement. Many of these are Museum pieces and have been on display at various time in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. On the risers of the thirteen steps which lead up to the Headquarters room of the Company, commemorated in bronze plates, are the names of the thirteen States in the order in which they accepted the Constitution and their respective state flag is placed on the respective step. Around the walls of the Armory are the portraits of most of the Captains who have commanded the Company since 1638 to the present day. The Armory is open to the public daily, and many thousands of visitors from every part of the country and many from abroad, are registered every year in the Guest Book. The position of the members of the Company in the social, civil and military life of the Colony indicates the respect which people entertained for the Company as well as the ability and prominence of its members. They were first in organizing churches and supporting them, they were prominent in framing and also in administering the laws of the Colony; they were foremost in the introduction of manufacturing and the extension of trade in Boston. They were the chief military minds of the Colony and among the first in its defense. Many of them were public benefactors contributing somewhat of their wealth to education, religion and charity. The members of the Company trod the fields of every battlefield of New England; they fought for freedom on foreign soil; they judged the courts; they pleaded at the bar; they instituted town government and levelled forests; they were active in settling the towns of the frontier. Nine tenths of the Company were loyal to the Colonies in the Revolution, and by their experience in the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company they served on every battlefield where the banner of Massachusetts waved, from Bunker Hill and Bennington, through Valley Forge to Yorktown. This is the Company that Washington knew, that Franklin saw march through the streets of Boston, that John Adams and John Quincy Adams visited; that has had eight members who received our nation's highest military decoration - the Medal of Honor - and has had four of its members serve in the world's most important office, President of the United States, President James Monroe, Chester Alan Arthur, Calvin Coolidge and John F. Kennedy; the same Company which has always stood for, and always will stand for, the best in citizenship.

Seal of the
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
of Massachusetts



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OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005

APPOINTED SENIOR COMMISSIONED STAFF

CHIEF OF STAFF	CPT Joseph C. Benoit, PC
AIDE TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF	MAJ Richard Savickey LT Charles Holden
ADJUTANT	COL Thomas Richter
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT	BG Emory Maddocks

ELECTED SENIOR COMMISSIONED STAFF

QUARTERMASTER	MAJ John F. Welch
ASSISTANT TO THE JUDGE ADVOCATE	CAPT Leo Lazo HON Charles Abdella COL John Sherman LT Peter Antell
ORDINANCE OFFICER	LT Brian Magner
AIDE TO THE CAPTAIN	MAJ William J. O'Brien Jr LT Christopher Peatridge
WING ADJUTANT – INFANTRY	LT Robert Cataldo
WING ADJUTANT – ARTILLERY	LT Steven DaCorta
MEDICAL OFFICER	COL George Murphy
DENTAL OFFICER	LT Martin Dunn LT Alfred Arcidi – Emeritus
LIASON OFFICER	LT S. Andrew Efstathiou

CHAPLAINS	BG Robert J. Durkee COL Edward McCabe COL David Mahn COL Alvin Lieberman LT Bartley MacPhadin
PAYMASTER	COL James R. Littleton
COMMISSARY	LT Paul R. Mignosa
PERSONNEL ADJUTANT & CLERK	LT Cornelius J. O'Leary

APPOINTED COMMISSIONED STAFF

SURGEON	LT Martin Dunn, DMD
ASSISTANT SURGEONS	LT Hernando Romero LT Peter E. Ferrino LT Peter Lou, MD
JUDGE ADVOCATE	LT Joseph Brodigan
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	LT Thomas Buckley
TRAINING OFFICER	LT Arthur Conrad
EVENTS OFFICER	LT Philip Murphy
BANDMASTER	LT Barton K. Hyte LT Franklin A. Zarba – Emeritus COL John J. Shea - Emeritus
COMPOSER OF THE ODE	LT Richard Armstrong

ELECTED SERGEANTS OF INFANTRY

1st Sgt Paul Tierney Jr.
2nd SGT Dominic Previte
3rd SGT James Keenan
4th SGT John Grenier
5th SGT John F. Gillespie
6th SGT James R. Sickorez

ELECTED SERGEANTS OF ARTILLERY

1st SGT C. Robert Taylor
2nd SGT Anthony Donadio
3rd SGT Michael Megnia
4th SGT Robert Mattie
5th SGT Mark Tribuna
6th SGT Christopher Podgurski

ELECTED COMMITTEES FOR 2004-2005

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CPT H. Stanley Stoney, Secretary – to June 2005
BG Reynold Graunas, PC – to June 2006
LT Dominic Uglietto– to June 2007
LT Charles Deegan – to June 2008
LT James Lynch III, Chairman – to June 2009

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MAJ Michael Downing, Chairman – to June 2005
LT Michael P. Dorn – to June 2006
LT Louis R. Truscello, Treasurer – to June 2007
LT Michael S. Biskup, Secretary – to June 2008
LT John Rocco – to June 2009

MILITARY MUSEUM & LIBRARY COMMITTEE

LTC Thomas Griffin, Chairman – to June 2005
LT Christopher Duffy – to June 2006
LT Michael Fish – to June 2007
LT Ronald Ledoux – to June 2008
LT Salvatore F. Stramondo, Secretary – to June 2009

APPOINTED SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF

SERGEANT MAJOR
CSM Robert Lucas

QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT
CSM George Grimes

PAYMASTER SERGEANT
Col Robert E. Welch

ORDERLY
SGT Peter Krippendorf
SGM Anthony DeSalvo

COMMISSARY SERGEANT
LT Angelo Parrella

PERSONNEL SERGEANT
CDR Redmond L. Clevenger

ORDNANCE SERGEANT
CPT Robert O'Connell

TRAINING SERGEANTS
Col Lawrence Willwerth, III
SFC Laurence Hogan
SGT James Weydt

MEDICAL SERGEANT
SGT Robert Gunderson

COLOR GUARD

NATIONAL
MSGT Gerard Kelly - NCOIC

STATE
SGT James Clements - Asst NCOIC

CITY
CDR Redmond L. Clevenger

CENTENNIAL LEGION
SGT Winston Watson
A&HAC
SGT Peter Lou

GUIDON BEARER – INFANTRY
SGT Nick Schiarizzi

GUIDON BEARER – ARTILLERY
SGT Steven Fiorentini

BANNER SERGEANTS (2)
SGT Brian O' Malley
SGT Ilya Schneider

RIFLEMEN (4)
SGT Steven Banis
SGT Peter Krippendorf
SGT Charles MacDonald
SGT David Cross

MEMBERS
LT Gerald Cohen
CDR Frank Pierce
SGT Eugene Lussier
SGT John Quinci

APPOINTED NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF

FLANKERS TO THE CAPTAIN
LT Paul Carr
LT William Mignosa
LT Ray Lovely
SGT Kenneth Montouri

SERGEANT BUGLER
CPT Arthur Allen
LT Michael Fish

PIPER
SGT Gerard Davidson

SERGEANT DRUMMER
CPT Christopher McGuirk
LT Henry Vozzella

CHAPLAIN ASSISTANTS
Col Robert Sheridan – Christian
SGT Lawrence Berman - Jewish

QUARTERMASTER ASSISTANTS (4)
SGT Kevin Bullock
MAJ Gerard Fridmann
SGT Eric Sigillo
SGT Erik Mattson

APPOINTED COMMITTEES FOR 2004-2005

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COL Leonid Kondratiuk
COL Robert Welch
LT Antonio Lorusso
SGT Peter Lou
LT Brian Magner
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CPT Donald Phillips
LT Bradford Pottle
LT Barton Hyte

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LT William E. Pelletier
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SGM George Bruno
SGT Eric Sigillo
SGT Frank O"Rourke

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LT Arthur Conrad

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MEMBERS

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LT Paul Nader
LT Dominic Uglietto
SGT Dennis O'Brien
CPT Dominic Uglietto
CPT Robert Brady

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2nd LT Jerome Sweeney

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LT Paul Nader
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LT Donald Sylvester
CPT Angelo Sciarratta
LT Francis Engel
LT John Mariano
Pvt Robert Engel

HONOR ROLL OF PAST COMMANDERS

Year	Name	Trip
1970-1971*	BG James E. Clair	Amsterdam/Budapest
1971-1972	CPT Edward Keelan	London
1972-1973*	COL James Lampheir	Paris/Spain/Morocco
1973-1974	BG Joseph S. Zareiko	Hamburg
1974-1975	BG Robert Marr	Moscow/ Copenhagen/Dublin
1975-1976*	COL Ernest Montillio	Rome/Tel Aviv/ Jerusalem
1976- 1977*	MG John Cremens	Rio deJaneiro
1977-1978	CPT Robert Murphy	India/Yugoslavia
1978-1979	MG James Lynch	London/Brussels
1979-1980*	LCDR George Peznola	San Juan/Montreal
1980-1981	CPT J. Barry Driscoll	Ottawa/Vancouver
1981-1982*	CDR Herbert Tonry	Honolulu/San Francisco
1982-1983*	COL William Dipesa	Australia/New Zealand
1983-1984*	COL Frederick A. York III	Seoul/Hong Kong
1984		BG Joseph Loughman
1984-1985	COL Sylvester Ray	Rio deJaneiro
1985-1986	BG Joseph Loughman	Hamburg/Copenhagen
1986-1987	BG William Koughan	Helsinki/Leningrad/ Stockholm
1987-1988*	CPT Paul Tierney	London/Rome
1988-1989	LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo	Munich/Berlin
1989-1990	BG Joseph A. Milano	DC/Tokyo/Bangkok
1990-1991*	MAJ Arthur Nashawaty	Amsterdam/Cannes
1991-1992	BG Reynold Granuas	Budapest/Marbella
1992-1993	CPT Leonard Sacco	South Africa/Rio deJaneiro
1993-1994	LTC Ernest Caggiano	Lisbon/Malta/Sicily
1994-1995*	COL John E. McNulty	Australia/New Zealand
1995-1996	CPT Roy Chase	Panama/ Santa Domingo

1996-1997	CPT Paul Mahoney	London/Paris/Ireland
1997-1998	CPT Richard Luccio	Munich/Prague
1998-1999	COL John A Moore	Ottawa/Banff/ Vancouver
1999-2000	CPT Albert G Fiorenza	Helsinki/Tallinn
2000-2001*	CPT Louis A Zuliani	Rome/Berlin
2001-2002	CPT Joseph C Benoit	Cayman/Belize/Mexico
2002-2003	COL Stuart Tauber	Budapest/ Bratislava/Vienna
2003-2004	CPT George Morrison	Iceland/Edinburgh

* DECEASED

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS
DATES TO REMEMBER 2004 – 2005

2004

7 June	June Day
14 June	CPT O'Brien 1st Meeting
17 June	Pre-Trip Departs
26 June	Pre-Trip Returns
4 July	Boston Independence Day Parade
12 July	Sgts Golf Day - Andover C.C.
30 July	Foxwoods – Ten of Us
2 August	Summer Meeting
11 August	Ten of Us Clambake - Hopkinton
17 August	Sgts Family Red Sox Game
7 September	1st Fall Meeting
15 September	VIP Night
20 September	2nd Fall Meeting
23 September	Sgts Bon Voyage Party
26 September	Fall Shoot
1 October	367th FFDTD Departs
10 October	367th FFDTD Returns
25 October	3rd Fall Meeting
30 October	Poland Trip Departs
6 November	Poland Trip Returns
10 November	VIP Night
11 November	Veterans Day - State House
27 November	Christmas at the Cape
4 December	Lieutenant's Ball - Newport, RI
6 December	Toys for Tots - Armory

2005

23 January	Caribbean Cruise Departs
30 January	Caribbean Cruise Returns
12 February	Valentine's Day Dance
21 February	Presidents Day Luncheon, Armory
22 February	Winter Meeting
9 March	VIP Night
13 March	Ireland Trip Departs
17 March	In Galway, Ireland
20 March	Ireland Trip Returns
30 March	Salute 50's & 60's
4 April	1st Spring Meeting
13 April	Ten of Us, Man of the Year
17 April	Lantern Hanging, Old North Church
18 April	Patriots Day Parades – Boston, Lexington
19 April	2nd Spring Meeting
28 April	Sgts Farewell Party
2 May	3rd Spring Meeting – Nominations
4-7 May	Gettysburg Trip
9 May	4th Spring Meeting – Voting
23 May	Final Meeting
6 June	June Day

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS

MONDAY, 7 JUNE 2004

Three Hundred and Sixty Sixth Election

OFFICERS 2004-2005

For Captain
COL WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN *of* Quincy

For First Lieutenant
LT DANIEL G. MAY *of* Kingston

For Second Lieutenant
LT JEROME V. SWEENEY *of* Wakefield

For Quartermaster
MAJ JOHN F. WELCH *of* Quincy

For Paymaster
COL JAMES R. LITTLETON *of* Chestnut Hill

For Commissary
LT PAUL R. MIGNOSA *of* Pembroke

For Personnel Adjutant and Clerk
LT CORNELIUS J. O'LEARY *of* Wellesley

For Finance Committee
CPT H. STANLEY STONEY, Jr. *of* Shrewsbury

For Finance Committee
LT JAMES A. LYNCH, III *of* Somerville

For Military Museum and Library Committee
LTC SALVATORE F. STRAMONDO *of* Lexington

For Trustee of the Permanent Fund
CPT JOHN J. ROCCO *of* Lynnfield

For First Sergeant of Infantry
SGT PAUL R. TIERNEY, Jr. *of* Milton

For Second Sergeant of Infantry
SGT DOMENIC PREVITE *of* Lexington

For Third Sergeant of Infantry
SGT JAMES KEENAN *of* North Andover

For Fourth Sergeant of Infantry
SGT JOHN GRENIER *of* Hingham

For Fifth Sergeant of Infantry
SGT JOHN F. GILLESPIE *of* Quincy

For Sixth Sergeant of Infantry
SGT JAMES R. SICKOREZ *of* Marshfield

For First Sergeant of Artillery
SGT C. ROBERT TAYLOR *of* Hingham

For Second Sergeant of Artillery
SGT ANTHONY P. DONADIO *of* Quincy

For Third Sergeant of Artillery
SGT MICHAEL A. MEGNIA *of* Canton

For Fourth Sergeant of Artillery
SGT ROBERT E. MATTIE *of* North Andover

For Fifth Sergeant of Artillery
SGT MARK C. TRIBUNA *of* Norwell

For Sixth Sergeant of Artillery
SGT CHRISTOPHER PODGURSKI *of* Canton

366th ANNUAL ELECTION
7 JUNE 2004
COMMISSIONING OF NEW OFFICERS

ADDRESSING HER EXCELLENCY
THE HONORABLE KERRY HEALEY
THE ADJUTANT SAID:

Your Excellency, I have the results of the election for the year 2004-2005:

Elected as Captain, Colonel William J. O'Brien of Quincy;
Elected as First Lieutenant, Lieutenant Daniel G. May of Kingston
Elected as Second Lieutenant; Lieutenant Jerome V. Sweeney of Wakefield

RESPONSE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HEALEY
I congratulate the company for its wisdom and democratic election.

REMARKS OF CAPTAIN MORRISON ON HIS RESIGNATION
It is my great pleasure to have served you. It is now my great pleasure to resign.

RESPONSE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HEALEY
Captain Morrison, I accept your resignation as Captain commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. On behalf of the citizens of Massachusetts, I wish, in their name, to congratulate you for a job well done. Best wishes, Captain Morrison.

REMARKS OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HEALEY ON EXTENDING HER COMMISSION TO CAPTAIN ELECT COLONEL WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN
Captain Commanding O'Brien, I present you with your commission as the 296th Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. I wish you a most successful year of service to the Commonwealth, and to the Company which you have the great honor to command, the oldest and most historic in the United States of America. My very best wishes Captain O'Brien.

REPLY OF CAPTAIN O'BRIEN
Thank you very much for this honor and commission. I anxiously look forward to serving you and the citizens of the Commonwealth during the coming year. I will do my very best.

REMARKS OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HEALEY ON ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF HER COMMISION FROM FIRST LIEUTENANT, LIEUTENANT PAUL E. MORRILL
Lieutenant Morrill, I accept your resignation and commend you highly for the fine service you have rendered the company. I express the congratulations of your comrades and hope you will come to serve the company with honor. My very best wishes Lieutenant Morrill.

REPLY OF LIEUTENANT MORRILL
Thank you Governor. I look forward to serving you in the future.

REMARKS OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HEALEY ON EXTENDING HER COMMISSION TO FIRST LIEUTENANT ELECT DANIEL J. MAY
Lieutenant May, I wish to congratulate you on your election as First Lieutenant of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. I present you with this halberd, which is the insignia of your office. I know you will live up to the highest traditions of this great company. My very best wishes Lieutenant May.

REPLY OF FIRST LIEUTENANT MAY
Thank you very much.

REMARKS OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HEALEY ON ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF HER COMMISION FROM SECOND LIEUTENANT, LIEUTENANT JOHN E. BRADLEY
Lieutenant Bradley, I want to congratulate you on your honorable service to the Commonwealth and to the company during your year as Second Lieutenant. You have brought great credit to yourself and to the company. Congratulations and very best wishes Lieutenant Bradley.

REPLY OF SECOND LIEUTENANT BRADLEY
Thank you Governor. I look forward to serving you in the future.

REMARKS OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HEALEY ON EXTENDING HER COMMISSION TO SECOND LIEUTENANT ELECT JEROME V. SWEENEY

Lieutenant Sweeney, I am privileged now to confirm the choice of the membership of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company this year by conferring upon you the commission of Second Lieutenant. I congratulate you most sincerely and commend the company for their judicious choice. Best Wishes Lieutenant Sweeney.

REPLY OF SECOND LIEUTENANT SWEENEY

Thank you.

366th Anniversary Ode

An Ode to Freedom Remembered

Not long ago we traveled freely,
From shore to shore we did so gleefully.
We soared boldly like eagles unfettered,
Relishing the peace for which we were indebted.
We flew from continent to continent,
Ne'r giving a thought to terrorists' discontent.

Now dark clouds seem to block the light,
Which causes us to stumble and question our plight.
Because some people do not fear our might,
Our Nation is wondering what is right.
We are held captive questioning what to do,
While our freedoms evaporate like the morning dew.

Scarcely two centuries and a quarter ago,
Our Comrades were torn about what way they should go.
Our fellow Ancients faced in Boston Town,
The challenge to stay and fight or give into the Crown.
Many fearing their fortunes falling into decline,
Left their businesses and homes far behind.

The Declaration of Independence was dreaded by some,
And to friendlier shores it caused them to run.
Freedom is a concept as elusive as ever,
But running away does not make it better.
For democracy to be free it must be protected,
But we must always make certain it is not misdirected.

Now we fear the unknown behind every tree and stone wall,
We worry so much that we seem to stumble and fall.
The freedoms for which men and women fight and die,
Are claimed by some intellectuals to be stupid and a lie.

We seem to ignore that our freedom divinely begotten,
Can quickly be forsaken and soon forgotten.

One reads in the writings of Ancients of old,
That fear gave way to courage that made them bold.
No longer paralyzed by doubt and dismay,
They embraced a faith in the Lord along the way.
They ventured forth to nurture a Republic untested,
Without the Crown from which they became divested.

Our freedom once again is under attack,
And we call upon our military and citizens to fight back.
For if we succumb to terror's attempt to hold our Nation,
We shall all have given in to more than just trepidation.
We will have forsaken the heritage we hold so dear,
As well as the religious faith that binds us so near.

Freedom: a word that we struggle to understand,
Can slide through our grips like sand in our hands.
Freedom cannot be bought for a price,
But if it is lost it cannot be recaptured by want or device.
Freedom is much more than giving out advice,
And has no value without commitment to treasure or life.

May our lives not be lulled into mediocrity,
But be filled with a passion for democracy.
For in our midst the regiments of old,
Stand alongside the Ancients with their flags in unfold.
If freedom is only viewed as the waving of a flag,
Then our Nation has lost the ideals of which we could brag.

June Day is the time we remember our past.
We honor the lives for whom this year was their last.
Men of courage and valor who now join the line,
Of Ancients who have stood the test of time.
Their display of courage in war and peace,
Means that their memory to us will not cease.

If our sons and daughters are to appreciate our great Nation,
They must understand our personal dedication.
When tempted to accept our loss of freedom and plight,
May we each on bended knee acknowledge what is right.
By the grace of God may we rise up without fright,
And live our lives not trusting just in our own might.

For when in the Lord above we put our trust and faith,
We need not worry about the clouds of hate.
May we who have been so highly blessed,
Speak out with knowledge to calm any unrest.
May we emanate forth a resounding cheer,
That there is nothing that we need to fear.

Rev. David P. Mahn, State Chair
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

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The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company
COL William J. O'Brien, Sr., Captain Commanding
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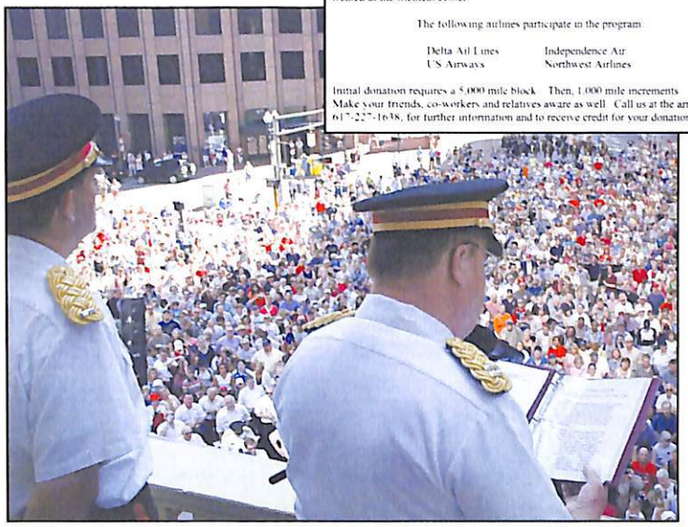


MINUTES OF 14 JUNE 2004 REGULAR MEETING

THE SIXTH SPRING MEETING

- Music for all meetings war provided by Frank Zarba
- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba sang the National Anthem.
- Chaplain COL Edward McCabe delivered the invocation.
- The minutes of the 24 May 2004 Company were read and accepted by the members.
- LT John "Doc" McCauley, Curator, presented some historical facts about the Armory. Doc pointed out that the first occupants of the Armory were six American militia companies. By 1875 these either left the Armory or were ordered into federal service. At which time the Military Company of Massachusetts was the primary occupant of the Armory. In 1878 the Company members voted to create a library and the first book was a "History of the Honoruable Artillery Company". Doc McCauley then informed the members that he is writing a book on Past Captains.
- LT Gerard McCarthy addressed the Company to inform the members that the first VIP reception for prospective new members is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2004 in the Armory at 1800 hours.
- 1st LT Daniel May made the motion that the members vote favorably on the following special Committees (Rule 302): Events Committee, Public Affairs Committee, Military Advisory Committee, World War II Committee, Korean War Committee, Vietnam War Committee, Italy/Swiss Guard Committee, New Orleans Committee, Las Vegas Committee, Endowment Committee, and Boston Committee. The motion was seconded by 2nd LT Jerome Sweeney. The COL William J. O' Brien called for a vote and the members voted upon the Special Committees favorably.
- 1st SGT of Infantry Paul J. Tierney, Jr. thanked the members for their fantastic support over the June Day weekend. He then informed the

members about coming Sergeants events, Golf Day on July 12th at the Andover Country Club, AHAC Family Night at Fenway August 17th, and the Bon Voyage Party on september23rd. 1st SGT of Artillery Bob Taylor informed the members that 90 have registered for the SGTs Golf Day and that there were only 20 tickets out of 300 tickets for the Red Sox vs. the Toronto Blue Jays August 17th and thanked the members for supporting these events. He told the members that the Sergeants Yearbook would highlight members of the Company who served in WWII and as such requested that members making an advertising commitment now would be billed after the first of the year.
- The Company elected to Regular membership PO Kurt W. Burchfiel and Mark W. McGoldrick.
- LT Brian Pollack informed the members about the 367th FFDTD to New Orleans and to Las Vegas that this is the official FFDTD of the Company and that each and every member should make every effort to attend.
- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Captains present: CPT Robert D. Murphy, BG Reynold P. Graunas, COL Leonard J. Sacco, CPT Louis A. Zuliani, CPT Joseph C. Benoit, COL Stuart P. Tauber, CPT George M. Morrison.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 2045 hours.

MINUTES OF THE SUMMER MEETING
2 AUGUST 2004

- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba led the members in the singing of our National Anthem.
- Chaplain Father COL Edward McCabe delivered the invocation.
- The minutes of the 14 June 2004 Company meeting were read and accepted.

E# 1st SGT Paul Tierney thanked the members for making the SGTs Golf Day a great success. He called upon the members to reserve Thursday, 23 September 2004 to attend the Bon Voyage Party

- 1st SGT Bob Taylor reminded the members to please reserve advertising space in the Sergeants yearbook as soon as possible so that we can lay out the proper number of pages presenting members who served in WW II.
- COL Thomas Richter reported on the Graduation and Commissioning Exercise of Class 71 of the 101st Regional Training Institute, Formerly the Mass. Military Academy at Camp Edwards, MA. Captain Commanding COL O'Brien presented the Company's annual stipend to the Institute. COL Richter presented a saber to the top graduate and Sergeant John Grenier presented the uniform allowance from the Americas Sergeants to the top academic graduate.
- CPT Joseph C. Benoit, PC, Chief of Staff reported on the "1776 Musical" held in the Great Hall., Faneuil Hall. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company were the guests of honor and the Company's Color Guard was featured at the opening of the musical.
- 2nd LT Jerome Sweeney reported on the 228th observance of Independence Day, July 4, 2004, Boston, MA. Detailing the parade route, laying of wreaths at the Old Granary Burial Grounds, and COL William J. O'Brien, CC's reading of the Declaration of Independence from the balcony of the Old State House. A crowd estimated at 2,500 was present for the reading.

- 1st LT Daniel May reported on the pre-trip of the 367th FFDTD to New Orleans and Las Vegas. This day-by-day report details the arrangements, the officials involved, places visited, sightseeing opportunities and military activities that the Company will participate in from October1 to October 10, 2004.
- Curator LT John McCauley related some of the early history if the Company in land dealings in the Township of Rutland, MA and of land in what is now Nashua, NH.
- LT Gerald McCarthy, Membership Support Committee announced that the first VIP night for prospective members in the Company would be held in the Armory on September 15, 2004.
- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Commanders present: CPT Robert Murphy, PC, BG Joseph Milano, PC, BG Reynold Graunas, PC, CPT Leonard Sacco, PC, CPT Louis Zuliani, PC, CPT Joseph Benoit, PC, and COL Stuart Tauber, PC.
- COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William J. O'Brien, CC adjourned the meeting at 2045 hours.

FIRST FALL MEETING
September 7, 2004

- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba led the members in the singing of our National Anthem.
- Chaplain Father COL Edward McCabe delivered the invocation.
- IN MEMORIAM was held for nine members who died in August. Adjutant called the Company to attention and to present arms while SGET Gerard Davidson played Taps.
- MG James A. Lynch, PC delivered an Eulogy for Past Commander MG John Cremens, Captain Commanding 1976 – 1977.
- Chaplain BG Robert J. Durkee delivered an Eulogy for Chaplain BG David Mahn.
- The minutes of the 2 August 2004 Company meeting were read and accepted.
- 1st SGT Bob Taylor reported on Ancients Night at Fenway Park where 300 members and guests saw the Company present the Colors; Captain Commanding O'Brien throw out the ceremonial 1st pitch; LT Franklin Zarba sang the American and Canadian National Anthems and watched the Olde Town team beat the Blue Jays in the bottom of the ninth 5 to 4.
- COL Thomas Richter reported on a State House ceremony where the Company served as an Honor Guard to Governor Mitt Romney as he welcomed consul representatives from 30 Nations.
- 1st LT Daniel May reported on the Company's attendance at 8 funerals or memorial services attended by the members in August. Attendance by the members was outstanding and the Captain thanked the members and pointed out that our presence was much appreciated by the families.
- Elected to membership was John S. Tassinari, Sr.

- Curator LT John McCauley related incidents about past Captain Commanders. The incidents were historic, factual, amusing, informative, and provided a glimpse into the lives of the men who have served as Captain Commanding.
- LT Gerald McCarthy, Membership Support Committee announced that the first VIP night for prospective members in the Company would be held in the Armory on September 15, 2004.
- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Commanders present: CPT Robert Murphy, PC, MG James A. Lynch, PC, CPT J. Barry Driscoll, PC, BG Joseph Milano, PC, BG Reynold Graunas, PC, CPT Leonard Sacco, PC, CPT Paul Mahoney, PC,BG Richard Luccio, PC, CPT Louis Zuliani, PC, CPT Joseph Benoit, PC, COL Stuart Tauber, PC, and CPT George M. Morrison, PC.
- COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William J. O'Brien, CC adjourned the meeting at 2040 hours.

SECOND FALL MEETING
September 20, 2004

- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba led the members in the singing of our National Anthem.
- Chaplain Father COL Edward McCabe delivered the invocation.
- IN MEMORIAM was held for three members who died in August, COL John F. McNulty, PC; Col Joseph S. Ayoub; and COL Robert A. Sawtelle. Adjutant Thomas Richter called the Company to attention and to present arms while SGET Gerard Davidson played Taps.
- The minutes of the 7 September 2004 Company meeting were read and accepted.
- Congressman Stephen Lynch addressed the member and thanked the Company for maintaining our Country's military traditions and being Ambassadors of good will throughout the world.
- LT Arthur Conrad presented a demonstration on the wearing of the Company's new Garrison or overseas cap.
- COL Thomas Richter reported on POW - MIA Recognition Day ceremonies at Boston City Hall where Captain Commanding O'Brien, the Color Guard and 18 Ancients participated
- Elected to membership were CAPT Raymond E. Reich, Matthew F. Erskine, and Jacob M. Atwwod.
- Curator LT John McCauley's history presentation of the Company was about Faneuil Hall, the Company Armory and the paintings in the Armory.
- LT Gerald McCarthy, Membership Support Committee announced that 75 members and prospective candidates attended the first VIP night on 15 September 2004 for prospective members.

- CAPT Leo Lazo presented an appreciation honor to BG Joseph A. Milano, PC for his efforts in support of Massachusetts Employers in support of Massachusetts military troops on active duty.
- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Commanders present: CPT Robert Murphy, PC, LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo,PC, BG Joseph A. Milano,PC, BG Reynold Graunas,PC, COL Leonard A. Sacco,PC. CPT Paul Mahoney, PC, CPT Louis Zuliani, PC, CPT Joseph Benoit, PC, COL Stuart Tauber, pC, CPT George Morrison, PC
- COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William J. O'Brien, CC adjourned the meeting at 2000 hours.

THIRD FALL MEETING
October 25, 2004

- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba led the members in the singing of our National Anthem.
- BG Emery Maddocks delivered the invocation.
- IN MEMORIAM was held for BG William F. Corskery. Adjutant Thomas Richter called the Company to attention and to present arms while SGT Gerard Davidson played Taps.
- CPT Robert Murphy, P.C., delivered a Eulogy for Past Commander CPT John F. McNulty who served as Captain Commanding in 1994 – 1995.
- The minutes of the 20 September 2004 Company meeting were read and accepted.
- LT Brian J. Magner, Ordinance Officer reported on the Fall Shoot held on 26 September 2004 at Camp Edwards, MA. 133 members and 66 guests attended this event.
- Curator LT John McCauley's history presentation of the Company was about the evolution of the Company's Fall Field Day Tour of Duty (FFDTD) from drills on Boston Common, to FFDTD's in Massachusetts cities and towns, to FFDTDs in other New England states, to FFDTDs in other countries throughout the world. Beginning in 1896 with a FFDTD to London, England, the Company has held its FFDTD in 39 countries.
- LT Gerald McCarthy, Membership Support Committee announced that the member bringing in the most new members this year will be designated "Recruiter of the Year" and will be given special recognition in the Sergeants yearbook.
- Captain Commanding COL O'Brien announced to the members that three members on this year's FFDTD acted above and beyond the call of duty in helping fellow members and acknowledged the efforts of COL

Louis A. Zuliani, PC, SGT George Pesaturo and LT Donald Sylvester. COL O'Brien presented a Paul Revere Bowl to each of these members in appreciation for their work.

- LT James A. Lynch, III, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported on the financial condition of the Company for the year ending 31 May 2004. Financial Statements are on file with the Executive Secretary for review by any of the members.
- 1st LT Daniel G. May reported on the 367th FFDTD to New Orleans, Louisiana and Las Vegas, Nevada.
- MSG Gerard Kelly reported on the Color Guard participation in the dedication of a Veterans Memorial Park in Nahant and a MSNBC News item feature on Faneuil Hall.
- LT Stephen DaCorta reported on the Color Guard participation in a tribute to Pope John Paul II held at Holy Cross Cathedral commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Pope's visit to Boston and America.
- LTC Sterling McLeod announced that the Mass Army National Guard hockey team won the national 2004 ice hockey tournament held in Las Vegas for the second year in a row.
- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Commanders present: CPT Robert Murphy, PC, LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo,PC, BG Joseph A. Milano,PC, CPT Paul Mahoney, PC, CPT Louis Zuliani, PC, CPT Joseph Benoit, PC, COL Stuart Tauber, PC, CPT George Morrison, PC
- COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William J. O'Brien, CC adjourned the meeting at 2000 hours.

WINTER MEETING
February 22, 2005

- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba led the members in the singing of our National Anthem.
- BG Rev, Robert Durkee delivered the invocation.
- IN MEMORIAM was held for COL William F. De Pisa, PC, BG James Ernest Clair, PC, Honorable CPT Vincent R. Brogna, A3C Robert Hanslip, BG Angelo A. DeAngelis. Adjutant Thomas Richter called the Company to attention and to present arms while SGT Gerard Davidson played Taps.
- CPT Robert Murphy, P.C., delivered a Eulogy for Past Commander BG James Ernest Clair who served as Captain Commanding in 1970 – 1971
- BG Reynold Graunas, PC, delivered the eulogy for Past Commander COL William F. DePesa who served as Captain Commanding in 1982 - 1983
- The minutes of the 25 October 2004 Company meeting were read and accepted.
- Curator LT John McCauley's history presentation of the Company was about the establishment of the Company Museum in 1881 and the Library in 1882. He emphasized that these two Company entities are the trustees charged with the preservation of historic artifacts for future generations. Lt McCauley then pointed out to the members some of the very valuable artifacts that the Company possesses.
- LT Gerald McCarthy, Membership Support Committee announced that the member bringing in the most new members this year will be designated "Recruiter of the Year" and will be given special recognition in the Sergeants yearbook. And reminded the members of the up coming VIP Night on 9 March 2005.

- LT Christopher Peatridge reported that over 40 members served as Honor Guard to the Governor at the State House presentation of the annual State of the State address to the Legislature and citizens of the Commonwealth.
- LT James Lynch, III read a letter from President George Bush to MG James Lynch, PC thanking him for sending a copy of the Second Supplement to "Present Arms" for his library.
- 1st LT Daniel G. May reported on the Lieutenants Ball held on 4 December 2004 at the Rosecliff Mansion, Newport, RI. The evening was a festive occasion for all in attendance and the Artillery Company of Newport began the occasion by a cannon salute to the commanders of the Ancients, the Kentish Guard, and the Artillery Company of Newport. The Ancients and their ladies enjoyed dinner, entertainment and socializing for a memorable evening.
- LT James A. Lynch, III, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported on the financial condition of the Company for the year ending 31 May 2004. Financial Statements are on file with the Executive Secretary for review by any of the members.
- Captain Joseph C. Benoit, PC reported on the Company's trip to Poland where some 55 Ancients and guests visited Warsaw and Krakow from 30 October to 6 November 2004.
- 2nd LT Jerome V. Sweeney, II reported on the Ancients Star Princess Cruise to the Caribbean 23 January to 30 January 2005. One hundred and forty Ancients and guests departed for Fort Lauderdale Florida to San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, US Virgin Island; Tortola, British Virgin Islands; Princess Cay on the island of Eleuthera, Bahamas and returned to Fort Lauderdale. On board the ship Captain Joseph Benoit, PC organized several events including visits to the Ship's Bridge and cocktail parties as well as special seating arrangements in the dining room. Every detail was attended to on shore as well. As a result the winter cruise was a great success.
- In accordance with Rule 318c Captain Commanding O'Brien accepted a motion by 2nd LT Sweeney to have a vote by the members present to have the Trustees of the Permanent Fund forgive a loan to the Company.

The Standing Committee recommended and endorsed this action. The vote of the members present was unanimous.

- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Commanders present: CPT Robert Murphy, PC, BG Reynold Graunas, PC, CPT Leo Sacco, PC, CPT Paul Mahoney, PC, CPT Joseph Benoit, PC, CPT George Morrison, PC
- COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William J. O'Brien, CC adjourned the meeting at 2120 hours

FIRST SPRING MEETING
April 4, 2005

- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba led the members in the singing of our National Anthem.
- BG Rev, Robert Durkee delivered the invocation.
- IN MEMORIAM was held for COL Charles F. Hoar, COL Thomas Richter called the Company to attention to render a salute while SGT Gerard Davidson played Taps.
- Sick report was announced for members LT Joseph Howard, LT Robert Hall' and BG Joseph Loughman, PC
- The minutes of the 22 February 2005 Company meeting were read and accepted.
- Curator LT John McCauley's history presentation of the Company was about the Company's Centennial Boxes that have been put together over the years. There were Century Boxes and half Century Boxes assembled by the Captain Commanding. LT McCauley recounted the opening of the box in 1930 and in 1980. Although he did not elaborate on the contents, LT McCauley said that the contents showed the close ties between the City of Boston and the AHAC. For those members who want to know where the Current Company's Century Box is--- it is in the safekeeping at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Archives at the University of Massachusetts Boston Campus. The Centennial Box was personally seen, touched, and inspected by our Curator LT John McCauley. Doc reported to the Standing Committee that the Company's Centennial Box was in good shape and in the good care at the Commonwealth's Archival Repository.
- LT James Lynch, III, Chairman, Finance Committee presented the budget and membership analysis and recommendations of the Committee as to the assessment structure for the Company year 2005 – 2006. The Assessment structure as approved by the members present is: Regular

Member-- $720.00; Life Member -- $ 253.33; Non-Resident Member-- $253.33; Senior Life Member (If Attending June Day) -- $125.00.

At the request of a member a copy of the Finance Committee report will be mailed to each member of the Company.

- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Commanders present: CPT Robert Murphy, PC, LTC M. Joseph De Matteo, PC, BG Reynold Graunas, PC, CPT Leo Sacco, PC, CPT Paul Mahoney, PC, CPT George Morrison, PC
- There were 95 members in attendance
- COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William J. O'Brien, CC adjourned the meeting at 2040 hours.

THE SECOND SPRING MEETING
April 12, 2005

- Col William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and LT Franklin Zarba directed the choir in the singing of the National Anthem.
- LTC Ernest Caggiano, PC delivered the Invocation.
- The Minutes of the 4 April 2005 Regular meeting were read and accepted.
- Announced that COL James R. Littleton would not be a candidate for re-election to Paymaster. Also that LT Paul Mignosa would not be a candidate for re-election to Commissary Officer.
- Elected Regular Members were Stephen P. Lukos, Carlo Arpin, Robert E. Humphrys, and by ROD were Robert J. Cotell from John Hurd, Denis B. Woodfield from CPT (Rev.) William Perkins
- Five new members were administered the oath accompanied by their sponsors.
- 1st LT Daniel May reported on the State visit of the President of Rawanda to Governor Mitt Romney on April 11, 2005 at the State House. Some 40 members served as an Honor Guard during the welcoming ceremony.
- Curator LT John McCauley's Company history presentation traced the Company name throughout its history.
- 1st SGT Paul Tierney informed the members that the Farewell Party would be held on 28 April 2005 at the Colonnade Hotel and that there would be six boxing matches.
- 1st LT Danie May called the roll of Past Commanders present: CPT Robert Murphy, PC BG JosephA. Milano, PC, BG Reynold A. Graunas, PC, CPT Leonard Sacco, PC, LTC Ernest Caggiano, PC, CPT Joseph C. Benoit, PC, COL Stuart P. Tauber, PC, CPT George M. Morrison, PC.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William J. O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 2010 hours

THIRD SPRING MEETING
May 2 2005

- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1930 hours.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba led the members in the singing of our National Anthem.
- BG Rev, Edward McCabe delivered the invocation.
- IN MEMORIAM was held for CPT Louis A. Zuliani, P.C. Adjutant Thomas Richter called the Company to attention and to present arms while SGT Gerard Davidson played Taps.
- Four members were on sick report LT Joseph Howard, LT Robert Hall, CPT Joseph S. Loughman, PC, and LT Gerard Andersen.
- The minutes of the 12 April 2005 Company meeting were read and accepted.

  Christian Howard's Honorable Discharge request was read to the members.
- Curator LT John McCauley's history presentation of the Company was about the parties and celebrations held in the Armory over the years, e.g. Smoke Talks were held from 1931 to 1947. These would include performers on raised platforms and there would be jugglers, dancers, magicians and acrobats. There would also be raffles but the prizes were livestock that would be brought to the Armory. The livestock was mostly farm animals such as cows, pigs, geese, and chicken. One annual event to attract new members was a moonlight sail in Boston Harbor.
- LT Christopher Peatridge reported on the change of Coast Guard Command ceremony at the District 1 Headquarters in Boston.
- COL O'Brien, C.C. called upon Senior Past Commander CPT Edward Keelan for a motion, he requested BG Robert Marr to read the motion that the Company go into a meeting of the whole for the purpose of nominating candidates for office in 2005- 2006. Motion passed.

- After the nominations, COL O'Brien, C.C. opened the floor to any member who wished to comment on any proposed 2005 proposition to add or modify Company Rules. Six members addressed their comments to proposition # 1, five were in opposition and one was in favor. There was one comment on Proposition # 7.
- 1st Sgt. Bob Taylor announced that the America's Sergeants Yearbook was dedicated to members of the Company who served in WWII. Company records revealed that 157 members served and they were contacted, of those some 91 living members are the focal point of the Sergeants Yearbook.
- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Commanders present: CPT Edward Keelan, PC, CPT Robert Murphy, PC, CPT J. Barry Driscoll, PC, BG William Koughan, PC, LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo, PC, BG Joseph A. Milano, PC, BG Reynold Graunas, PC, CPT Leo Sacco, PC, LTC Ernest Caggiano, PC, CPT Paul Mahoney, PC, COL John A. Moore, PC, CPT George Morrison, PC
- COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William J. O'Brien, CC adjourned the meeting at 2120 hours.

FOURTH SPRING MEETING
May 9, 2005

- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1730 hours.
- BG Robert Marr, PC Senior Past Captain present made the motion that the Company go into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of voting on nominations for Committees, Sergeants and Propositions to Company rules and that the polls be open until 2030 hours. 1st Daniel May presided over the voting.
- At 2030 hours Col O'Brien, CC re-convened the meeting.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba led the members in the singing of our National Anthem.
- BG Rev, Edward McCabe delivered the invocation.
- The members were informed that COL Anthony Pino and Joseph Romano were on sick report.
- The minutes of the 2 May 2005 Company meeting were read and accepted.
- 2nd LT Jerome Sweeney reported on the Company's trip to Gettysburg and Washington, DC. Some 38 members went on this trip to visit the battlefields at Gettysburg and national monuments in Washington, DC.
- COL O'Brien, CC announced the voting results for Military Museum and Library Committee, Finance Committee, Sergeants of Infantry and Artillery and propositions to Company Rules. A roster of those elected appears in Company Notice # 13.
- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Commanders present: CPT Edward Keelan, PC, BG Robert Marr, PC, CPT Robert Murphy, PC, CPT J. Barry Driscoll, PC, BG William Koughan, PC, LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo, PC, BG Joseph A. Milano, PC, BG Reynold Graunas, PC, CPT Leo Sacco, PC, LTC Ernest Caggiano, PC, CPT Paul Mahoney, PC, COL John A. Moore, PC, CPT George Morrison, PC
- COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William O'Brien, CC adjourned the meeting at 2120 hours.

FINAL MEETING
May 23, 2005

- COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding opened the meeting at 1730 hours. There were 155 members present.
- Adjutant COL Thomas Richter led the Company in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. LT Franklin Zarba led the members in the singing of our National Anthem.
- Captain Commanding COL William J. O'Brien delivered the invocation.
- IN Memoriam was held for SGT Richard V. Ducey. Adjutant COL Thomas Richter called the Company to attention while SGT Gerard Davidson played taps.
- The minutes of the 9 May 2005 Company meeting were read and accepted.
- BG Joseph A. Milano, PC presented Captain Commanding O'Brien a picture of the US Navy aircraft carrier the USS John F. Kennedy on behalf of the skipper of "Big John" CAPT Dennis Fitzpatrick to commemorate COL O'Brien and staff of the Company for participating in welcoming to Boston ceremonies aboard the USS JFK.
- 1st SGT –Elect Nicholas Rioux gave a run down of June Day events the 2005-2006 Sergeants have scheduled. Additionally, he announced that the " Safari Sergeants" had at web page at www.safarisergeants.com The web page gives a schedule of Sergeants events for Company year 2005-2006. Members are urged to go to the site, it is very informative
- Member LTC Sterling McLeod on behalf of the Mass Army National Guard hockey team informed the Company that for the second year in a row the team won the Armed Forces Hockey Tournament held in Las Vegas, Nevada October 2004. LTC McLeod and MAJ O'Brien, Jr. presented a framed hockey jersey to Captain Commanding O'Brien in appreciation for the AHAC financial support.
- 1st Sergeants Paul Tierney, Jr. and Bob Taylor presented an AHAC rocking Chair to Captain Commanding O'Brien on behalf of the 2004-2005 Sergeants.

- Captain Commanding O'Brien thanked the members for making his Command Year a great experience and singled out many members for their efforts on his behalf. He presented Paul Revere Bowls to 1st SGT Bob Taylor, LT Joseph Brodigan, Judge Advocate, LT John McCauley, Curator, and CPT Joseph C. Benoit, PC, Chief of staff for their exemplary contributions this year.
- 1st LT Daniel May called the roll of Past Commanders present: BG Robert Marr, PC, CPT Robert Murphy, PC, LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo, PC, BG Joseph A. Milano, PC, BG Reynold Graunas, PC, CPT Joseph C. Benoit, PC and CPT George M. Morrison, PC.
- COL Thomas Richter called the roll of Sergeants and reported all present or accounted for.
- COL William J. O'Brien, CC adjourned the meeting at 2030 hours.

COMMENTS FROM A FEW OF THE MEMBERS

Captain:
Thank you for everything at my father's funeral. The contingent of fellow Ancient's looked great. He loved being with you in the company. Sincerely, *Chip*

... thank you for a good trip and your personal kindness to me... *Emery*

... on be half of the 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery, and the Washington Artillery Veterans Association I would like to thank you and your entire membership for their outstanding performance at all of your scheduled events while in New Orleans... *Roger*

.. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all the men who honored my beloved husband James E. Clair... *Brenda*

.. GREAT JUNE DAY! GREAT YEAR! A salute to you for your inspiring leadership and your generous and gracious manner in sharing the accomplishments with your staff and all the members of our hallowed military order... *Bob*

...a note to let you know what a great job you are doing as Captain Commanding... *Frank*

... Once again the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company performed magnificently as the honor guard for our Commander-in-Chief, Governor Mitt Romney on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2004. ... *Thomas*

...marching in the Galway parade was a moving event. I will never forget it.... *Charlie*

...We had the most fantastic time ever on the cruise this year....*Evelyn and Bob*

...congratulations on your election to President of the Society of Past Commanders.. *Jim*

..thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement that was in our state room when we arrived... *Bob and Maria*

.. All my friends and family were very impressed with you and your comrades who acted as honorary pallbearers at the funeral of my husband...*Doris*

...Thanks for leading us on the great Gettysburg tour. You made this newcomer feel right at home... *Walt*

GRADUATION MASSACHUSETTS MILITARY ACADEMY JUNE 26, 2004

On June 26, 2004, I was privileged to accompany our Captain Commanding and Sergeant John Grenier to the Graduation and Commissioning Exercise of Class 71 of the 101st Regional Training Institute, formerly the Massachusetts Military Academy at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.

We marched in and took our seats on the stage, where we were joined by four more members of the Company for the Presentation of Awards. Our members BG (P) Gary Pappas represented the Adjutant General; BG John Mullin is the President of the Academic Board for the Academy; BG (Retired) Albert Mangone represented all the Veterans groups of the State; CPT Robert Sheehan is the President of the Lawrence Light Guard; and MSG Frank Silva is the National President of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

COL William J. O'Brien presented the annual stipend that the Company gives every year to the Academy. In his remarks to the candidates, the Captain reminded them of the long standing tradition of support that our Company has provided to the first and oldest state run military academy in the country. He also reminded the candidates that the Military Company of Massachusetts had performed the service of training officers for the State Militia until 1913.

As a graduate of the Academy, Class 34, and a member of the Hall of Fame, I was proud to make the presentation of the Saber to the top graduate of this year's class. Sergeant John Grenier presented the uniform allowance check from Americas Sergeants to the top academic achievement candidate.

We witnessed the commissioning and swearing in ceremony of the candidates. After the ceremony we had the opportunity to congratulate many of the newly commissioned second lieutenants, and wished them luck in their new assignments. We thanked them and the Academy Staff for their continued support of our June Day Parade and Banquet. It goes without saying that they all had a good time and marched proudly on the day they will not soon forget.

I am personally very pleased and grateful that our Captain took the time and personally attended the event. The support we give every year is very important to the Academy, and greatly appreciated; and if you read the letter from our Adjutant General in last year's Sergeants Book, our generosity and support do not go unnoticed.

It is important to the company to maintain this longstanding affiliation. It gives credence to our existence and supports the traditions of the Company that we all work so very hard to maintain.

Respectfully submitted,

COL Thomas E. Richter
Adjutant

JULY 4, 2004
228TH OBSERVENCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY
BOSTON, MASACHUSETTS

The festivities began at 0900 hours at Boston City Hall plaza with the raising of the flag and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Mayor Thomas Menino addressed those assembled about the long tradition the City of Boston has in celebrating our National Birthday. Mayor Menino welcomed all present and in particular commended the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company for their participation in the observances of this national holiday. The Mayor also thanked the US Navy and the Navy of the Republic of Ireland who had representatives present to participate in the event. Special recognition was given to the six (6) members of the Honorable Artillery Company of London who were in the line of march represented by LT Jeremy Cawdry.

COL Thomas Richter, Adjutant called the Company to form the parade.

COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding led the Company parade contingents.

COL John Shea, Bandmaster Emeritus was in charge of a marching band.

Members parading:

- Elected Officers: 1st LT Daniel G. May, 2nd LT Jerome V. Sweeney
- Elected Staff Officers: COL James R. Littleton, LT Cornelius J. O'Leary
- Past Captains: CPT Joseph C. Benoit, PC, Chief of Staff; CPT George M. Morrison, PC, COL Leonard J. Sacco, PC., BG Joseph A. Milano, PC
- Chaplain: COL Edward McCabe
- Sergeants 2004-2005: 1st SGT Paul Tierney, Jr., 1st SGT Bob Taylor, SGT Dominic Previte, SGT John Grenier, SGT James Sickorez

SGT Arthur Allen
CPT Michael Fish
CPT Richard Armstrong
LTC Robert Frazier
SSGT E. Steven Banis
LT Thomas Goodfellow
LT John E. Bradley
COL James Greenwood
SFC Anthony L Buonopane
COL Gerald Hayes
CAPT Herbert Caldwell
SGT Thomas Hillery
CPT Sam Cherone
CPT Charles Holden
CDR Redmond Clevenger
SGT Barton Hyte
MSG Arthur Conrad
MSG Gerard Kelly
LT Stephen DaCorta
SGT Frank Kemp
SGT Gerald Davidson
LT Anthony LaRusso
Scott Dow
LT Antonio Lorusso, Jr.
MAJ Michael Downing
CSM Robert Lucas
Kenneth Luke
Theodore Sarandis
MG Arnold MacCollum
SSGT Nicholas Schiarizzi
SP4 Charles MacDonald
SGT Eric Sigillo
LT Francis Magaletta
CPT H. Stan Stoney
LT Gerard McCarthy
LT Donald Sylvester
LT John McCauley
COL Richard Tedeschi
MAJ Robert McGuire
CPL Paul Tedeschi
William Meehl
LT Robert Tringali
LT Paul Mignosa
MSG Brian Ward
LT Paul E. Morrill
LT Franklin Zarba
CPT Albert Mundo
COL Edward Zullo
PO1 Robert Naser
CPT Christopher McGuirk
SGT Dennis O'Brien
MAJ William J. O'Brien, Jr.
LT Christopher Peatridge
CPT Donald Philips
SGT John Quinci
CAPT Edmund Rainsford

The Company paraded to the Old Granary Burial Ground where wreaths and Taps were played at the graves of Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine (Signers of the Declaration of Independence) and Peter Faneuil.

The Company reformed and paraded to the Old State House where COL William J. O'Brien read the Declaration of Independence from the balcony of this historic landmark as it was first read to the citizens of Boston in 1776. A crowd estimated at 2,500 was present for the reading.

Following the ceremony at the Old State House the parade contingent reformed and marched to Faneuil Hall and was dismissed. A collation was held in the Company Armory.

THEATRICAL PRODUCTION AT FANEUIL HALL OF "1776" MUSICAL SATURDAY 17 JULY 2004

On Saturday evening 17 July 2004, Captain Commanding O'Brien, 2nd Lieutenant Sweeney, the Adjutant and Chief of Staff, several Ancients and their ladies were guests of honor of the Concord Players Theatrical Group of Concord, Massachusetts at Faneuil Hall. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company Color Guard was featured as part of the Opening Ceremony of a theatrical musical presentation, "1776".

The printed program stipulated that guests of honor were members of the Military Company of Massachusetts, Ancient and Honorable Artillery, established in 1638, the oldest chartered Artillery Company in the Western Hemisphere, housed in the Armory at Faneuil Hall.

The stirring performance depicted the 2nd Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia in May of 1776. Outstanding performances of character such as Sam Adams, John Hancock, and Ben Franklin were given by actors of the 85 year old, all volunteer, not-for-profit, community theater group, The Concord Players of Concord, Massachusetts.

Outstanding publicity was given to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company through press releases and to the standing-room-only audience which packed both levels of Faneuil Hall for the performance.

Captain Commanding O'Brien expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Company to all Ancients and guests attending.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE FIRST LADY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HOSTED THE CONSULAR CORPS OF BOSTON AT THE STATE HOUSE IN BOSTON. 10TH OF AUGUST, 2004

The Captain Commanding and 30 Ancients formed a cordon on the steps to the front door of the State House, and Saluted the Consuls and Representatives of 30 Nations.

The Air Force Bank of Liberty played music while the Ancients stood tall and saluted each arriving official, and held the salute for the duration of the ascent to the open front door of The State House. It was very obvious to all there, that the Consular Corps was surprised, amazed and openly appreciative of such an honor.

After the arrival of all the guests, our Governor stepped outside to greet the Ancients and he expressed his genuine appreciation for our participation.

After some dessert and welcoming speeches in The State House, the Captain and his senior staff escorted the Governor, the First Lady, and the Consular Corps down The State House steps, and led them to the area by the President Kennedy Statue. The Ancients again formed a cordon by the steps leading to the Statue, and saluted smartly as the official party arrived for a very nice concert by the Air Force Band of Liberty and a piano rendition.

Three members of our Company were present that evening as members of The Consular Corps. BG Joseph A. Milano is the Honorary Consul for Thailand. Merrick Laas represents Poland. Barry Hoffmans is the honorary Consul for Pakistan.

BG Milano very generously hosted the Ancients for some refreshments at the Union Oyster House after the completion of this very successful protocol event for our Company.

REPORT: 2004 – 2005 SERGEANTS
SUBJECT: ANCIENTS NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK 17 AUGUST 2004
RED SOX VS. BLUE JAYS

The evening began with the Company presenting the colors on the field behind second base by the AHAC Color Guard, MSG Gerard Kelly, NCOIC; accompanied by COL William J. O'Brien, CC; 1st LT Daniel May, CPT Joseph Benoit, PC; Adjutant COL Thomas Richter, LT Cornelius O'Leary, 1st SGT Bob Taylor, MAJ William O'Brien, Jr.; LT Christopher Peatrige. LT Franklin Zarba sang the Canadian National Anthem and the American National Anthem. SGT Barton Hyte, Company photographer recorded the on field ceremony.

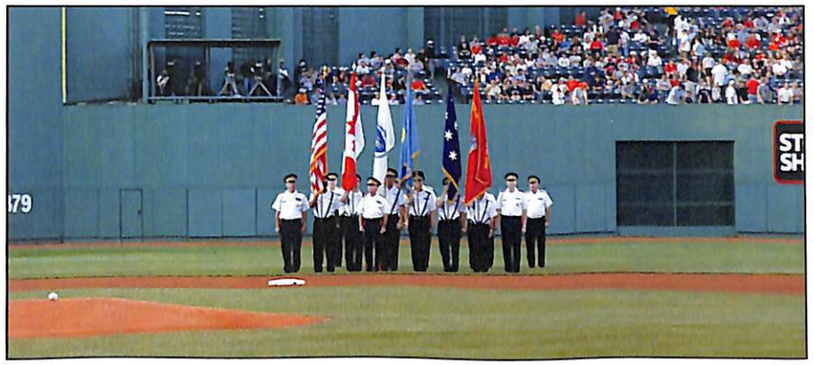
COL William J, O'Brien, CC took to the pitcher's mound and delivered the ceremonial first pitch---- it was a strike !!!!!

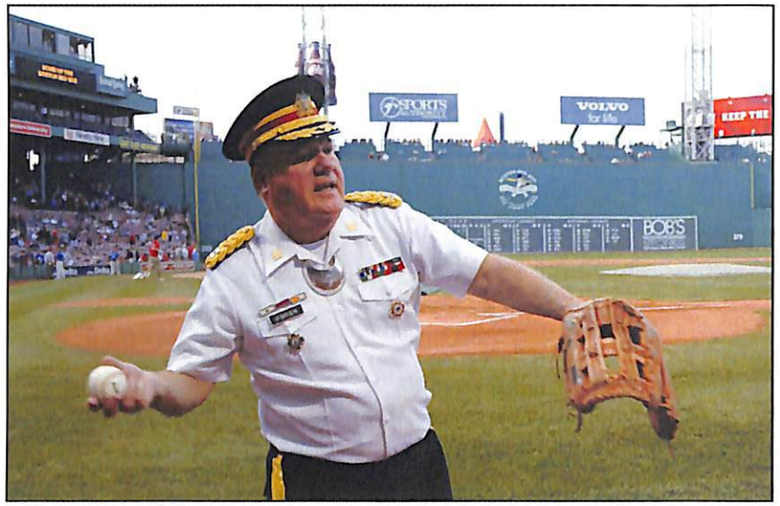
LT Zarba's renditions of the National Anthems received a standing ovation from the more that 35,000 fans.

300 Ancients and their guests settled into their seats in the right field bleachers.

The weather for the night game was just right. The game had a lot of action and was tied 4 to 4 going into the bottom of the ninth. A double by SS Cabrera off the Center Field Wall drove in the winning run for the "Olde Town Team". The fans and players went wild, the game ended 5 to 4 "Sox" and everyone went home happy.

The Sox win capped a great family night at Fenway. All had a good time!!!!!!!





REPORT TO THE COMPANY
POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

September 10, 2004 was declared POW-MIA Recognition day by Congress. Appropriate observances were held throughout the country at each state capitol at noon on that day each year

Our Captain Commanding, The Color Guard, and 18 Ancients joined the Massachusetts Chapter of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia at Boston City Hall Plaza.

All branches of the military, many veterans organizations, public safety groups, and public officials participated in the ceremony. The Ancients heeded the call to have members there to support the ceremony and march with the Color Guard.

There was a Fly-Over Missing Man Formation- was conducted during the ceremony by helicopters of the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

The names of all 43 of Massachusetts' MIAs were read. The names read were repeated by a member of the active services present. A salute was rendered, and the soldiers left the formation, signifying the "Missing in Action" symbolism with a show of respect.

Our Captain expressed his appreciation to our members present, for yet another excellent showing at an event scheduled during work-day hours.

Our members were treated to a light repast at the Union Oyster House, where BG Joseph A. Milano attended personally to our group.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL FALL SHOOT 26 SEPTEMBER 2004

The annual shoot of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company commenced on Sunday 26 September 2004 at Camp Edwards located on Otis Air Force Base. The day began at 0800 hours with coffee and donuts provided by the Sgts. 2004-2005, followed by registration at 0900 hours to which I would like to thanks Lt. Steven DaCorta and Lt Connie O'Leary and CDR Richard Pelosi.

The troops fired M- 16 and 40 Caliber for score, which with out the help of Lt. Chris Peatridge and the Massachusetts State Police who provided all the weapons, this day would not have happened, thank you. I would like to thank the OIC Col. Robert Welch and all of our National Guard! Reserve Ancients who ran the firing range; with out their knowledge of the weapons and leadership the day would not have run so efficiently.

All firing ceased at noon at which time all targets and scores were sent to the statistical officers Col. Edward Zullo, Cpt. Angelo Sciarratta and staff for evaluation. I would like to not only thank our company Chaplin Col. Edward McCabe for the beautiful Ecumenical services, but for his influence over the higher power which brought us a beautiful day of sunshine and warmth.

At the end of services lunch was served with the appropriate beverages to all participants followed by a raffle and awards to those who had the highest scores. I would like to thank MAJ Michael Downing for the sponsorship of the beverages.

Statistically we had 133 members and 66 guests that attended not including the staff members; we shot 2200 rounds of 40 Caliber and 1,940 rounds of .223 or M- 16.

Finally, I would like to thank Captain Billy O'Brien for allowing me to serve the company in this capacity.

367 FALL FIELD DAY TOUR OF DUTY

Report of the 367th FFDTD New Orleans, Louisiana and Las Vegas, Nevada to 10 October, 2004.

On Friday 1 October over 100 Ancients departed Boston by aircraft and arrived in New Orleans in early afternoon. A police escort of motorcycles and patrol cars made for a fast passage from the airport to the Royal Sonesta Hotel on Bourbon Street, deep in the middle of the French Quarter.

The Sergeant's welcoming party was held in a nearby Irish Pub called O'Flaherty's where we dined on traditional Irish fare as well as Cajun cooking. On Saturday the company had a hearty breakfast at Brennan's with the remainder of the day at leisure recovering from the Brennan Breakfast meaning the pool was full and many listened to The Boston Red Sox play by play.

Sunday 3 October dawned bright and muggy. At 0900 the Company stepped off 100 strong from the hotel, led by the US Navy Band and the New Orleans Police Dept, and marched to Washington Artillery Park for a wreath laying ceremony followed by Church services at Saint Louis Cathedral. Mass was concelebrated by the Archbishop Hughes of New Orleans, a Boston native, and our Chaplain Ed McCabe. Shortly after mass the company departed by motor coach to Meterie Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony with the Washington Artillery Veterans Association. A delightful lunch was then served at the Jackson Barracks Officer's Club. Following lunch the company completed the dedication and loan of GEN P G T Beauregard's saddle by our museum to the Jackson Barracks's Museum. Much local interest has been given to the saddle.

The day ended with the 367th FFDTD Banquet at the Sonesta. The US Marine Corp Band entertained the assembled group with patriotic songs and drill movements.

On Monday the company moved en masse to the Mississippi River Boat Creole Queen for transportation to the Battle Fields of the War of 1812 of the Battle of New Orleans. A wreath Laying ceremony took place at Chalmette, the site of the battle. A group photograph of this event was carried in the local newspaper. The remainder of the day was spent at the W W II D-Day Museum in New Orleans touring the exhibits and displays.

Tuesday, the company embarked along with our police escort to the airport to fly to Las Vegas Nevada. Several members of the company flew to Boston while many more flew from Boston to Las Vegas to join up. It was indeed refreshing to leave the heat and humidity of New Orleans for the dry heat of the Nevada Desert. Upon arrival at the Venetian Hotel, the Sergeants reception was held a short ride away at the Hofbrauhaus. Much German food and beer was consumed. Thursday was a day at leisure for the majority of the company while 30 members departed for a tour of the Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon. All returned.

On Friday the entire troop compliment departed the hotel for Area 63 Indian Springs Range at the Nellis Air Force Base for the Live FirePower Demonstration provided by the US Air Force. Prior to departure members were able to stroll the tarmac among the assembled aircraft consisting of fighter aircraft, AWACS, short, medium and long range Bombers. A B-52 is still a large plane. After travelling with several other VIP Coaches 40 miles into the desert we arrived at a viewing platform with 300 other guests. The demonstration was very informative and entertaining. After departing the range we returned to the main base for a briefing by the Executive Officer of the Thunderbirds in their hanger. A tour of the Thunderbirds complex was complemented by a tour of the former "black ops" center, which had on display many Soviet Warplanes. The company then retired for cocktails and dinner at the Officer's Club at the Nellis Air Force Base and returned to Las Vegas in early evening.

Saturday was a day at leisure spent by many members making donations to the various casino owners while others attended the fabulous shows where tickets could be obtained.

The company returned on Sunday 10 October to the gray and drizzle of Boston only offset by the Red Sox beating the dreaded Yankees and the New England Patriots remaining undefeated.

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REPORT ON TRIP TO POLAND
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY
OF MASSACHUSETTS
31 OCT-6 NOV 2004

Saturday, October 30, 2004

4:40 PM Departed Boston on Lufthansa Flight LH 423.

Sunday, October 31, 2004

8:45 AM Arrived in Warsaw, Poland via Frankfurt, Germany

9:30 AM Marriott Hotel check-in. in Lila Waneda Restaurant. Rest of morning and afternoon are at leisure.

7:00 PM Welcome Dinner at DOM POLSKI Restaurant.

Monday, November 01, 2004

9:00 AM Panoramic City Tour of Warsaw

12:00 Noon Mass at the Military Church in the Old Town. Mass celebrated by Stanislaw Wylezek, Parish priest of the Cathedral; gifts presented by Polish Military Honor Guard.

1:00 PM Wreath laying at the Monument of Warsaw. Uprising. Warsaw Garrison provides escort for wreath laying by Captain Commanding O'Brien and Polish officials, drummer and trumpet player

2:00 PM Lunch and folklore show at Mazurkas Hotel

4:00 PM All Saints Day/Memorial-Remembrance Day Visit to Powazki Cemetery

5:00 PM Buses return to Marriott Hotel. Remainder of day at leisure/Dinner on your own.

Tuesday, November 02, 2004

8:30-9:30 AM Breakfast and briefmg by Embassy Personnel in Kometa Room.

10:30 AM Trip to Polish Parliament Building (Sejm).

11:00M Meet with ZbigniewJauas, Chairman of the Parliamentary Defense Committee.

12:00 noon Meeting with President of the Senate, Senator Pastusiak.

12:30 PM Lunch at Parliament Restaurant.

2:00 PM Optional Tour of Old Town and viewing of movie "Warsaw Remains" at Warsaw Historical Museum or return to hotel

4:00-5:45 PM At leisure.

6:00-8:00 PM Reception at US Ambassador Ashe's Residence (cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.)

Rest of evening at leisure.

Wednesday, November 03, 2004

7:15 AM High-speed train leaves for Krakow.

9:55 AM Train arrives in Krakow; transfer to Wawel Hill

10:30 AM Visit to Wawel Cathedral.

11:00 AM Walking tour of the Old Town, including St. Mary's Church and opening of altar.

12:30 PM Lunch at Restaurant Wierzynek. Special guest: Mr. Alex Tratensek, Vice Consul, Political and Economic Affairs, US Consulate, Krakow.

1:30 PM Free time in the Square.

2:15 PM Assemble to board buses.

2:30 PM Depart by bus to visit Kaziinierz area of Krakow. 3:30 PM Tour of famous Wie1czka Salt Mine.

5:30 PM Return to Krakow.

6:00 PM Check in at Sheraton Hotel, Krakow.

At Leisure — free for dinner and further visiting of the city.

Thursday, November 4, 2004

7:45 AM Visit to Concentration Camp area at Auschwitz. (Should any member of the group not wish to tour the Camp, he would be able to go to a local restaurant with one of the guides.)

9:00 AM Tour of Auschwitz.

1:00 PM Lunch at Zornica Restaurant, a traditional Polish mountain-style restaurant.

2:30 PM Tour at Czestochowa, one of the most famous sites in Polish history, with its magnificent Jasna Gora monastery with its famous "Black Madonna".

4:00 PM Return to Warsaw in the early evening.

At Leisure -- free for dinner and further visiting of the city.

Friday, November 5, 2004

9:00-10:00 AM Briefing at the Marriott Hotel with the Minister of Defense, the Deputy Minister of Defense, and members of the General Staff:

10:30 AM Depart Marriott for meeting with Polish Army Land Forces and lunch at Officers' Club at Cytadela, famous Polish castle.

11:00 AM Meeting and lunch.

12:30 PM Return to Marriott Hotel.

1:00-5:45 PM Afternoon at leisure for shopping, etc.

5:45 PM Assemble in Marriott Lobby and begin boarding buses.

6:00 PM Transfer to Stanislawowski Theater at the Old Orangery.

6:30 PM Champagne Reception at Stanislawowski Theater at the Old Orangery.

6:45 PM Introduction to the Orangery

6:50 PM Chopin piano concert.

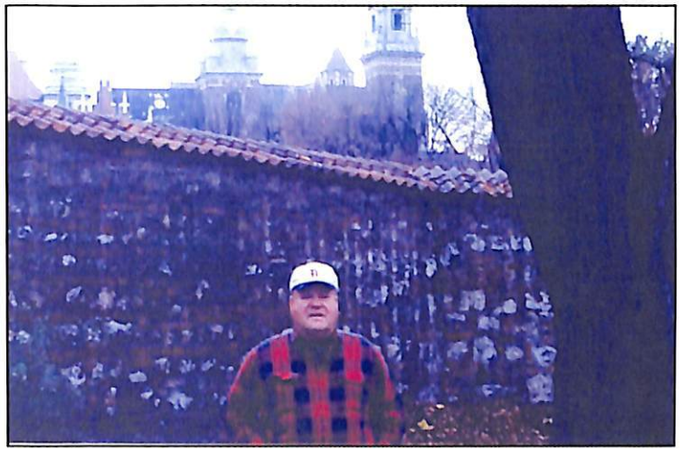
7:20 PM Farewell Dinner at Belvedere Restaurant.

9:00 PM Coaches return to Marriott.

Saturday, November 6, 2004

6:35 AM Depart Warsaw on Lufthansa Flight LH 6951

12:30 PM Arrive Boston via Frankfurt, Germany



PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE NAME OF THE COMPANY

November 15, 2004

Members
Ancient and Honorable
Artillery Company of Massachusetts

Dear Member:

Veterans Day has come and gone for this year and the Holiday season is upon us. Gratefully we all, in our own way, were able to remember those who have gone before us honoring our country and our Company with valor and dedication, and for some with their own lives.

As I reflect on our history of deep-rooted loyalty and fellowship, the past four centuries or so of our existence overwhelm me as the connection with former events and old comrades echo through the halls of the AHAC and indeed through my own mind.

I always get stuck on the simple fact that I feel we limit, to some respect, our own history and traditions because we have, without malice or forethought, neglected our own name which I hope does not get lost to antiquity and which we can consider restoring.

"The Military Company of the Massachusetts" is our rightful birth name. This is a strong expression, powerful and meaningful at the same time. It connotes and denotes the richest conception of who we were and who we are, reflecting the wisdom of our founders and forebears.

Therefore, I invite the membership to consider updating the name of our Company, inclusive of our past and present, to "The Military Company of the Massachusetts, Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company". This, of course, is longer but not more cumbersome and hopefully worthy of each and every one of us. Thank you for your consideration.

In and for the Company,

Col. William J. O'Brien
Captain Commander

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COL WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, SR.
CAPTAIN COMMANDING
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CAPTAIN COMMANDING'S
COL WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, SR
HOLIDAY MESSAGE

As we approach the holiday season that begins with Thanksgiving and ends on New Year's Day I wanted to wish you, your family and loved ones a Happy Holiday Season. This is the time of year when family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers. We have family gatherings to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. It is a time of merriment and remembrance of all that took place in 2004. There are many good things to remember and to share with friends and family and there are many other things that we should pause and think about how they have affected our country, our state and our families. I don't believe I have to enumerate the events that took place; each of us has our own list to dwell upon and think about. The one item I would ask you to remember to say a prayer for is the men and women in the United States military and particularly those who are away from their families and friends defending our country and our way of life. Several members of our Company are on active duty and we especially pray that they and their comrades are safe and return to loved ones soon.

I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year. Our first meeting in 2005 will be on Tuesday, February 22.

COMMEMORATING CONCERT PREMIERE

LANTERN HANGING CEREMONY

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RECEIVING THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE

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COMPANY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

LIEUTENANTS' BALL
Rosecliff Mansion
Newport, RI
4 December 2004

On Saturday, 4 December 2004, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts held its Lieutenants' Ball at the Rosecliff Mansion in Newport, Rhode Island.

The event really began on Friday, 3 December, when many of the participants gathered at the Hotel Viking in Newport Company Headquarters for the weekend. The hotel was decked out with all their Christmas decorations. In the evening a cocktail party was held in the Bellevue Ballroom of the hotel. It gave everyone a chance to greet each other and to get filled in about the rest of the event. After cocktails, the guests were on their own for dinner. As many as 40 of our group went to the "White Horse Tavern", which is the oldest operating tavern in America. Others were at the famous "Black Pearl Restaurant" and various other eating establishments of Newport.

Saturday was set aside as a day of leisure. All were free to sight see in historic Newport. It was especially interesting as Newport was fully decorated for the annual Christmas tree lighting. Some went to visit the Museum of the Artillery Company of Newport. The ACN invited all our members in attendance to visit their very interesting museum which is just a few blocks from the hotel. On a sad note, some members made their way to Milton, Mass. for the funeral of our departed Past Commander COL William F. DiPesa.

That evening members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and their ladies departed the Hotel Viking via trolley buses for the Rosecliff Mansion just a few blocks away. Upon arrival, they were greeted by the honor guard provided by the Artillery Company of Newport. The ACN was joined by the Kentish Guards Fife and Drum Corps, which played appropriate music for greeting visitors. Both units deserve many thanks for their honors extended the A&HAC, as it was an early winter night. They never left their post until all had arrived.

Inside the mansion was a giant Christmas tree and other seasonal decor. The guests were greeted by the Lieutenants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and their ladies in the traditional receiving line. This was followed by a champagne cocktail and a photograph taken of each couple. Everyone was directed to the veranda, which was enclosed and heated, for the official cocktail hour. Besides the full bar, large quantities of Hors d'oeuvres were passed for all to enjoy.

Towards the end of cocktails our attention was directed to the great lawn area facing the sea. There, the cannons of the Artillery Company of Newport were at the ready with the full complement of personnel to man them. They were ordered out by COL Geoffrey D. Gardner, Colonel Commanding, to honor the visiting Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. When the signal was given, the Executive Officer, LTC Robert S. Edenbach, commanded the battery fire six times. Three to honor the commanders of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Artillery Company of Newport and Kentish Guard, who were all present. Two volleys were given to honor our First Lieutenant and one volley for our Second Lieutenant. All were impressed by expertise of the members of the Artillery Company of Newport. It should be noted that the cannons used were made by Paul Revere and one of them was actually fired by GEN George Washington on a visit to Newport.

Then all were invited to find their seats in the beautiful ballroom of the Rosecliff Mansion. Our Adjutant, COL Richter, introduced First Lieutenant Daniel G. May, and his lady, as host and master of ceremonies for the evening. LT May introduced Second Lieutenant, Jerome V. Sweeney, his co-host.

The Sergeants of 1994-1995 and 2004-2005 combined to form the arch of swords through which the seven Past Commanders present and their ladies were introduced. This was followed by the introduction of the commanders, and their ladies, of the three historical military units present. The first and senior was of course COL William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. Next came COL Geoffrey D. Gardner, Colonel Commanding of the Artillery Company of Newport. He was followed by the commander of the sixth oldest military unit in the United States, COL Richard L. H. Palmer, Colonel Commanding of the Kentish Guards of East Greenwich, RI. LT May made a presentation to each of these commanders to thank them for the support of both of their

commands in helping to make this a great Lieutenants Ball. They in turn made a joint presentation to COL O'Brien to commemorate the visit of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company to Rhode Island. The text used in this presentation is attached to this report.

Then LT May ordered, "Present the Colors" The Fife and Drum Corps of the Kentish Guards led the way for the combined color guard into the ballroom. The color guard, commanded by our MSG Gerard F. Kelly, included a member of the Artillery Company of Newport carrying its colors and a member of the Kentish Guards carrying its colors. When the color guard was properly positioned, the Kentish Guard Fife and Drum Corps struck up a marvelous rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner", which inspired everyone to sing our National Anthem. They then marched off to great applause from all attending. It was a beautiful ceremony.

LT Norman G. Limoges offered a meaningful and inspiring invocation, and dinner and dancing began. During the early part of dinner, LT May once again introduced the Kentish Guards Fife and Drum Corp. The fife and drum corps is one of only five such units in the United States that are part of a legal military organization. The Corps plays a variety of music from the traditional fife,& drum repertoire as well as authentic pieces; these include a medley of tunes taught by their fife instructor in 1774. They have performed all over the United States and in Europe. They gave a wonderful short concert which was very well received by everyone. The applause was long and loud. A list of the tunes played is attached to this report.

The rest of the evening was consumed with dinning, dancing and socializing by all. The main course of Filet Mignon and Atlantic Lobster Tail was proclaimed to be the best ever.

During dessert, LT May and LT Sweeney circulated among the party and presented beautiful Swiss watches to all the ladies. Everybody was delighted with this very impressive gift. It is one that will be used for many years to come.

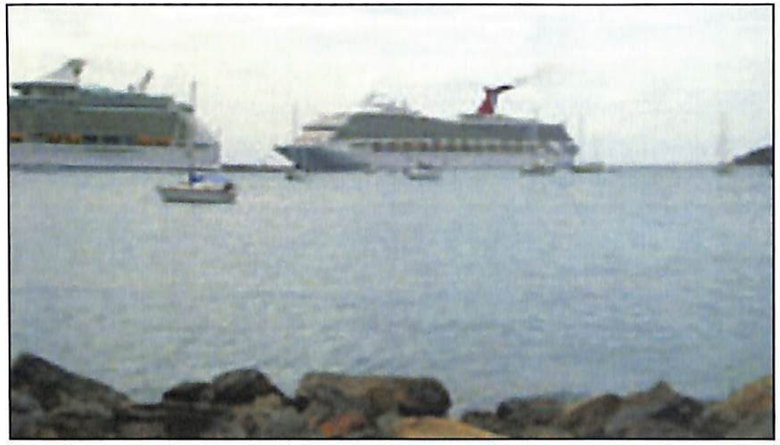
Unfortunately, our use of the magnificent Rosecliff Mansion had to come to an end. We were again transported by trolley back to the hotel. There, a room was ready with more coffee, after dinner drinks, pastry and cookies. Of course some made it to the hotel bar for some more libations.

If any complaint was heard, it was that the evening didn't last long enough. All who there wanted it to last forever.

REPORT ON THE ANCIENTS' STAR PRINCESS CRUISE JANUARY 23 TO JANUARY 30, 2005

Passengers started the boarding procedure Sunday afternoon, January 23, 2005 at the dock in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It was a seven-day cruise from Fort Lauderdale to San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; Tortola, British Virgin Islands; Princess Cay on the island of Eleuthera, Bahamas; and returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

There were one hundred forty Ancients and their guests aboard the Star Princess that carries 2600 passengers. The ship appeared to be full. Seven Past Commanders and their wives enjoyed the cruise. Col William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding, and Captain Joseph C. Benoit, Chief of Staff arranged many privileges for the Ancients aboard the ship. At the two formal evenings the Ancients were standouts at the Captain's Reception and dining room as they distinguished themselves in their mess dress uniforms



REPORT ON AHAC TRIP TO IRELAND

March 13th—Departed Logan International Airport on Aer Lingus for Ireland. Brief stop at Shannon then on to Dublin.

March 14th—Arrived Dublin at 8:00 AM. Motor coach into the City and experienced Dublin's version of the "Big Dig" with a massive traffic jam. Eventually arriving at the Burlington Hotel about 10:00 AM. Breakfast and rest followed by a tour of the City visiting St Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College to view the 8th century Book of Kells.

March15th—traveled to the Wicklow Mountains National Park to visit the 6th century monastic ruins of Glendalough founded by Saint Kevin. The monastic ruins depict how the monks lived, prayed in several churches and a well preserved Round Tower of 150 feet. Commentary and stories by our driver Brian Whinney kept us well informed and entertained.

On the return trip to Dublin the Motor Coach overheated and broke down in the middle of nowhere. Thanks to the ingenuity, talent and experience of several of the Ancients and guests the necessary repair was done and water from a babbling brook cooled the engine down after an hour or so and our return to Dublin resumed. It was a hilarious experience and many jokes were made of the entire episode. Six lads were sent ahead by foot to find a telephone and find out the distance to some help. That effort produced nothing since the bus picked them up after a two mile walk. Onto Dublin and visit to the Guinness Brewery and Storehouse. A guided tour about the history of Guinness was finished with a "Jar" or two or three in the rooftop bar that overlooks Dublin City with great panoramic views.

March 16th—After breakfast we traveled across Ireland from east to west to Galway, drove through the fertile midland region has many small farms and marketing towns where the Irish people make a living from agriculture. The second most important economic industry in Ireland, tourism recently took over the number one spot. Along the way Brian provided many stories, fact and fiction, about the towns. And there was a great sing a long led by Frank "O"Zarba of Irish songs. Before arriving at the Galway Bay Hotel we did

some sightseeing, shopping along Galway Bay. After dinner at the Hotel we participated in the "Eve of St. Patrick" event of the Gathering of the Celtic Tribes. We joined up with the Kentish Guard Fife and Drum Corps unit from East Greenwich, RI to represent the Irish American tribe. We formed up at the Spanish Arch and after a few libations to warm us up from the cold wind off Galway Bay we paraded through the streets of Galway to the marching music of the IPS Band (Irish Prison Service) to the Town Hall Theatre for ceremonies and Fireworks. Then a reception and a few "Jars" to ward off the chill of the evening.

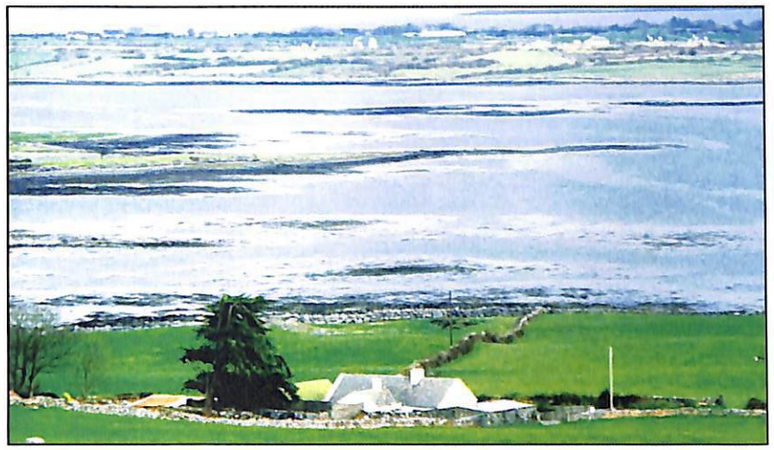
March 17th—Our reason to be in Ireland had arrived— St. Patrick's Day parade in Galway City on this National Holiday. Twenty six Ancients and guests joined by sixteen members of the Kentish Guard formed the USA contingent smack in the middle of the parade of some 3,000. We were applauded and cheered from the time we stepped off to the time we finished by a boisterous, loud, friendly and enthusiastic throng of over 75,000 children and adults. Through chants of USA, USA, USA and yells of God Bless America we marched with pride and emotion. As more than one person said this was a great experience, a very emotional parade in a very friendly city. The Kentish Guard marching music and beat made it a really memorable marching experience. We were identified by the Company's Banner and carried the American and Irish flags. TV re-caps throughout the Irish Republic prominently featured the USA contingent. Following the parade the Galway Chamber of Commerce held a reception where Captain Commanding William O'Brien presented a Paul Revere Bowl to Lady Mayor Connolly and a plaque to the citizens of Galway thanking them for their hospitality and commemorating the Ancients visit. To sum up "The Parade was a home run". Then bars, music, dancing, singing, mingling in the pubs made for a grand night.

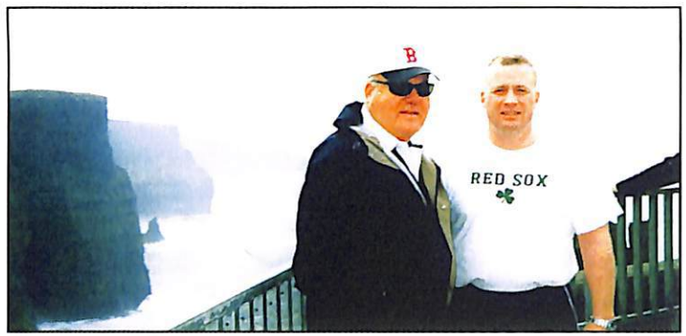
March 18th—Drive along the coast road of Galway Bay and Burren County where there are enough limestone walls and hills to satisfy the most avid of rock collectors. If rocks had a value, Ireland would be the rock economy of the world. Driving along this narrow road through fishing villages and rocky coast with vistas of Galway Bay and Connemara to a stop at the Cliffs of

Moher. A sheer cliff of rock that plunges some 700 feet to the Atlantic Ocean and viewed from O'Brien's Tower some 100 feet higher is an awesome sight.

Lunch at Monks restaurant in the fishing village of Liscannor. While still in County Clare pass through Ennis to Newmarket on Fregus to the Dromoland Castle, where we spent the night in this splendidly restored 15th century castle. Six of the group used the afternoon sunshine to play nine holes of golf at Dromoland. Our last evening in Ireland we journeyed some 15 miles down the road to the Bunratty Castle for a Irish Medieval style banquet served in the Great hall of this 15th Century castle. Where we ate, drank, sang and were entertained to the music, song and dance of the Middle Ages. After the banquet we returned to Dromoland Castle to hoist a few jars and reminisce about our days, events, experiences and camaraderie shared during this trip to Ireland. On our last night at Dromoland Castle someone remarked that some may forget parts of this trip but they will never forget the Parade in Galway or where they stayed their last night in Ireland.

March 19th—A couple of Captain's gifts to each one on the trip and to Brian our driver and guide. He was a wonderful addition and was very accommodating, entertaining and knowledgeable in Irish history. Off to Shannon Airport and on to home .Thank you Captain for the idea and a memorable Ancients trip.

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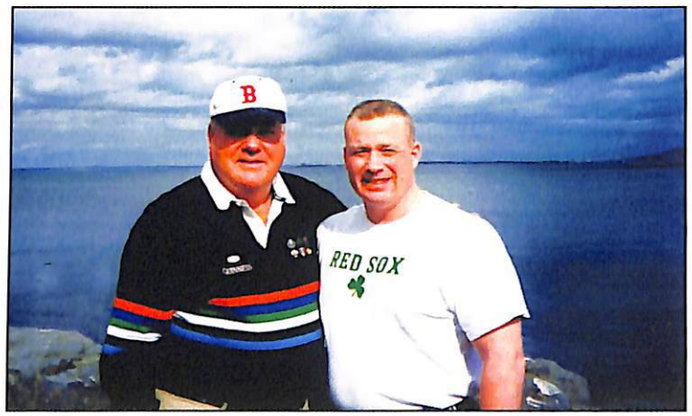
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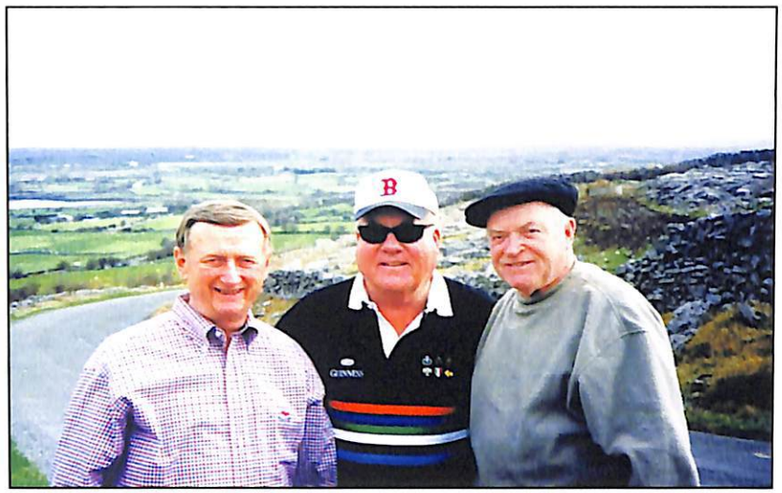


Remember When...
"Sock Hop"
A Salute to the 50's & 60's

April 1st 2005 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
The Tirrell Room - 254 Quarry St. Quincy, MA.

Join Our Captain Commanding Bill O'Brien for a fun filled evening!
A.H.A.C. members & their friends are all welcome!

• FEATURING •
LAS VEGAS DJ • TERRI CHRISTOPHER
KARAOKE & LADIES CHOICE

Do you remember the Adventure Car Hop? Woo-Woo Ginsburg?
The Twist? and the Stroll?
Join us for a fun filled evening, a blast from the past...
Revisit Memory Lane!

Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Pizza and Hot Fudge Sundaes!
Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks (Cash bar available for alcohol)
Casual dress or dress up in leather, jeans, sneakers and poodle skirts.

"Don't Hear About It - Be A Part Of It!"

OFFICIAL STATE VISIT TO BOSTON
PRESIDENT PAUL KAGAME
RWANDESE REPUBLIC
11 APRIL, 2005

On 11 April 2005, Captain William J. O'Brien, Captain Commanding led 40 Ancients in Honor Guard duty at the State House. Flanking the red carpet on the State House steps on a most enjoyable early spring afternoon, the Ancients escorted Governor Mitt Romney and his wife, First Lady Ann Romney as they received President Paul Kagame and First Lady Mademe Kagame of the Rwandese Republic (Rwanda)

President Kagame is the small African nation's first democratically elected leader, who led the minority Tutsis in a costly victory over the oppressor Hutus in 1994, was in Boston on an 11 day tour of the United States. Stops include Oregon, California and Washington D.C. where he is expected to meet with President Bush.

After the ceremonial playing of the National Anthems from speakers on the State House steps and a three Blackhawk Helicopter fly over to greet the visiting entourage the couples went to the Governor's office to talk about economic development in Rwanda. During a press conference after their meeting the two talked about ways to boost trade between Rwanda and the state and encourage tourism.

After an hour the Ancients reformed on the steps. Members of the Massachusetts National Guard and State Police along with Color Guard units from the Air Force and Marines saluted as President Kagame and his First lady departed in a fleet of black security vehicles provided by the US Secret Service. The President accompanied Governor Romney to Fenway Park for Opening Day followed by a speech at Boston College at night. Governor Romney expressed a sincere gratitude for the Ancients present and for making the event memorable and a positive reflection of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ANCIENT'S SPRING HISTORY TOUR
MAY 4-7, 2005
LANCASTER, PM GETTYSBURGH, PA; WASHINGTON, DC
CAL WILLIAM J, O'BRIEN, CAPTAIN COMMANDING

Thirty-eight men assembled at 7:15 AM, on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 75 Forbes Blvd., Mansfield, MA to commence the Spring tour. All attendees participated to make this a successful four days, but the following were particularly active:

Captain O'Brien who made the trip possible;
Cot Tom Richter who directed all phases of movement;
Jack Moynihan who graciously gave us the use of his parking lot for four days;
PC, Reynold Graunas who was the treasurer
Lt. David Laid our tour guide for Gettysburgh;
BGN Joseph Milano who coordinated details at all levels;
Col. James Rooney our guide and host in Washington, DC:
SFC Larry Hogan, poet and inspiration of Korean vets;
Lts. Joe Chili and Perry Sacco for *musical* entertainment;
SGT Steve DeCorta for his physical labors;
Captain Sam Cherone for his artistic design work and photos;
Sgt. Tom Purey for his photos;
Col. Leo Sacco for his gifts of sweets and nuts;
BGN. Bob Durkee for his spiritual labors;
CPT Frank Publicover for his recommendation to visit George Street's grave
Cubby Uglietto for supplying ice and a cooler.

In addition I wish to thank Col. James Littleton, candidate for Finance Committee, who supplied doughnuts and coffee. Paul Nader, candidate for Finance Committee, and Nick Rioux, candidate for Sergeant who supplied box hitches and water; Major Bob MeGuire, candidate for paymaster, who supplied Ancients' baseball caps; Sergeant Bob Taylor on behalf of the 2004-2005 Sergeants that supplied beer and alcoholic beverages; and again our Captain Commanding Bill O'Brien who gave us Bumble Bee shins and trip mugs.

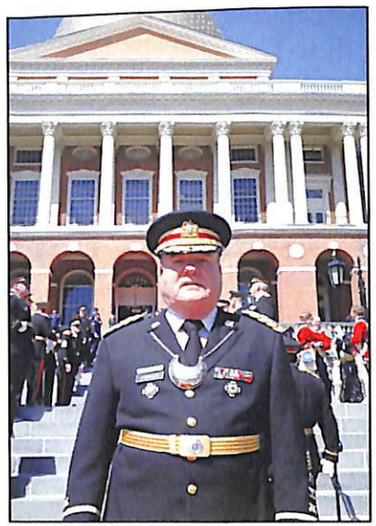
Our first stop was a roadside comfort stop with picnic tables where we ate lunch, At 3:30 p.m. we arrived at Sherwood Knoll, Lancaster, PA to check in to the Comfort Inn. After refreshments in the hospitality suite we departed for dinner at the Good-N-Plenty Restaurant in Smoketown, PA. The meal

was an Amish German style dinner served family style at long tables. The food kept coming until we cried "Stop." At the restaurant we met the owner of the Freedom Chapel Dinner Theatre — DoMe Fowler. Unexpectedly she joined our bus and delivered a fascinating explanation and tour of' Amish country on our drive to Christiana, PA, The theatrical reenactment of the Christiana Treason trials in a.m. began sharply at 8 p.m. The play, involving a trial dealing with slavery, utilized twelve Ancients as jury members and our experienced Captain Commanding O'Brien as a defense witness.

We arrived back at the hotel at 10:15 p.m. After a short time at the hospitality suite we retired. Thursday at 7:45 an. we departed for Gettysburg. On the bus ride from Boston we had viewed the informative and factual video - Gettysburg. This gave us a perfect background for the accurate depiction of events, battles, and personal struggles of valor on both sides of the Civil War that David Ladd our guide and renowned Gettysburg historian was about to let us experience. Wearing Captain O'Brien's butter-colored Ancients shirts our group was~ soon named the "Bumble Bees" —as the tour advanced the name became further enhanced.

Our own David Ladd compressed his usual three-day Gettysbugh lecture tour into one very compact day — covering all three days of the Battle, or Campaign as some historians refer to the Battle of Gettysburg,, There was an hour break at 12:30 for lunch, shopping or personal viewing and then the tour continued until 4:45 p.m.

We checked into the Country Inn and Suites in Gettysburg, stopped at the hospitality suite and went for a buffet dinner at the well-known Dobbin House Tavern. After dinner there was an active songfest led by Joe Chili with his accordion and lead singer Perry Sacco that lasted until 11:15 p.m. in the hospitality suite.



Friday, May 6 at 7:15 tin, we departed for Washington, DC. Dressed in blazers and ties. We arrived at the Two Jima Memonal at 9:30 and viewed the historic statue of Marines raising our flag on Mt. Surabachi, Cameras flashed everywhere. Col. James Rooney our resident Ancient in Washington met us here and took over as guide. We visited the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and with a guided tour viewed the famed Opera House seen on so many national television broadcasts. Photos were taken at the president's private box and later the elaborate trustee reception rooms

decanted with gifts of Waterford chandeliers, Goya paintings and curtains from Japan.

At 11:15 tin- we entered Ft. Myers, VA for lunch at the Officers Club. Ft Myers is the borne for many of the flag officers living in the Washington DC area. Their beautiful homes have their names and rank prominently displayed on the front of their homes, The lunch of petite filet mignon and herb chicken with open bar was well received,

Kim Holien, the historian for Ft. Myer and Fort McNair military bases, joined us for lunch and then acted as our guide showing us the stables, caissons, and museum at Ft. Myer. We met the famous Sergeant York the elite black horse used solely for those funerals having the rider-less horse with the boots and stirrups reversed. Kim then took us to the presentation platform used by the President, Vice President, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for formal presentations In the museum we viewed exhibits from all U.S. wars and then had a fifteen minute video of the ceremonies performed by the National Honor Guard from Ft. Myers

Blackjack the horse used in John R Kennedy's funeral has a prominent grave at the far end of the parade field with a singular horseshoe shaped memorial. Many photos were taken here. Nearby is the large ball with several chambers housing the Premier Army band known as "Pershing's Own" for the General of the Armies that established this band. There are two hundred and twenty-five musicians comprising eight different kinds of bands from concert to jazz and almost all musicians have masters or doctor degrees in music, We saw a fifteen minute video of the bands performance,

Our bus led by an officer's car took us to Arlington Cemetery and the John F. Kennedy gravesite. We marched in solemn procession wearing blazers and ties to the grave in silence while Captain O'Brien, assisted by Second Lieutenant Sweeney laid a wreath on the grave, saluted while taps were played and then departed as a large audience stood in awe. We returned to our bus and drove to the gravesite of another fallen Ancient comrade, Captain George Street, Medal of Honor recipient. We again in a less formal fashion placed a wreath on George Street's grave. George is buried in an elite plot of the Cemetery. We spent a few minutes viewing his neighbors, mostly generals and Cabinet members and celebrities including actor Lee Marvin and boxer be Louis.

We moved on to the grave of the Unknown Soldier and arrived in time to view the changing oldie guard. From here Colonel Jim Rooney escorted us to his penthouse condo with arguably the best view in Washington, Jim entertained with a lavish display of drinks and hors d'ovres. Captain O'Brien presented two engraved Revere Bowls to Lt. David Ladd and Colonel James R. Rooney for their extraordinary efforts in making our Spring History Tour a success.

We returned to our hotel the Channel Inn, Washington D.C. at 8:00 p.m. At 8:15 p.m. we were off again on a night tour of the Washington monuments. We had a windshield tour of many sites including the Jefferson Memorial, then we parked and viewed the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the Nurses Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and the Korean Memorial. We drove by the World War II Memorial but stopped to walk around the Navy Memorial. We arrived at the hotel at 10:30 p.m. A few of the Captain's trip mugs were distributed before retirement, the remaining men received their mugs in the morning.

Saturday May 7 - 2005 we departed the hotel late at 9:00 a.m. We unloaded the bus at the World War IL Memorial a grandiose structure of granite and fountains. At the block of granite clearly identified as *Massachusetts* our seven World War II veterans stood and were presented a medal for World War II veterans and a special framed testimonial signed by our own Tom Kelley, Commissioner of Veteran's Affairs and Mitt Romney our Governor,

We proceeded to the Korean War Memorial for a short visit, All Korean War Veterans on our trip posed for a photo betbre the image of the 'Platoon Crossing A Rice Patty". While all stood silent and motionless, Larry Hagan read his heroic tear wrenching poem of Korean Soldier Valor and 'Pork Chop Hill". A large audience grew silent and pensive listening to every word of Larry's powerful poem.

We were then homeward bound singing and telling jokes for most of the way. We stopped on a beautilbl sunny warm day at the river walk in Baltimore for a grand feast of seafood at the renowned Phillips Crab Cake Restaurant, then drank, sang and dozed the remainder of the bus ride. We arrived at our parked autos at 10:10p.m. to light rain, We had missed the wretched storms New England had suffered.

The now seasoned Bumble Bees had matured to Billy's Boston Rumble Bee Brigade of the Massachusetts. They and I wish to 'thank' Captain William J. O'Brien, Sr., Captain Commanding for allowing us to be part of his historic trip.

AHAC COLOR GUARD REPORT
13 JUNE 05

The following reflects AHAC Color Guard ceremonial participation for the Memorial Day weekend and June Day 2005 On Saturday morning, May 28th the color guard represented the Company at the 59th Annual Memorial Day Services at the S/Sgt Charles MacGillivary Veterans

Memorial Park in the Fenway Boston. Many dignitaries from city government were in attendance including Mayor Menino, along with numerous representatives of veterans and military organizations. The AHAC 2nd Guard led the marching groups at this impressive ceremony. Attending from the Color Guard were Msgt Gerard Kelly, SFC Charles MacDonald, S/Sgt John Quincy, and SISgt Peter Petrillo. A Collation followed at a Russian Church in the Fenway.

From the Collation, the Color Guard drove to Roxbury where they participated in the 2nd Annual African — American Military Heritage Day/Memorial Day Service to acknowledge the forgotten, honor the fallen, salute the active, and to say thank you to African American men and women whose sacrifice and commitment helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. The Ceremony, which was held at Gourdin Park in Roxbury, included Mayor Menino, also dignitaries from city government and various veterans organizations. Representing the Company were Msgt Gerard Kelly, SFC Charles MacDonald, and S/Sgt Peter Petriulo.

On, Monday, May 30, 2005, the Color Guard represented the Company in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Nahant. Present were Lt James Clements, MSGT Gera'd Kelly, SFC Charles MacDonald, S/Sgt John Quincy, S/Sgt Edward Johnson, S/Sg- Rili Horan, and S/Sgt Steve Fiorentini. The group marched to the Veterans Cemetery where a Memorial Day exercise including a reading of the Gettysburg Address and a 21 Gun Salute, was followed by the playing of Taps. The Parade then marched to the Town Wharf where an additional salute to Veterans was held. After the parade a bountiful reception was held at the seaside home of Lt and Mrs Martin Henry & Sgt Brett Henry.

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"An Ode of Celebration"
By
CPT Richard D. Armstrong, Jr. on June 6th, 2005

As the many early settlements of the Massachusetts Bay Colony grew and spread westward towards the Blackstone and Connecticut Rivers, in order to accommodate growing numbers of arriving English men and women, it became clear that organized and disciplined armed protection was an absolute imperative due to the innumerable skirmishes and massacres, that erupted between the English and the Native American people. These initial violent conflicts became known as the Pequot Indian War and that sorrowful period took place primarily in the winter months of late 1637 and early 1638. Thus, it came to be that Our Company was granted an official governmental charter, signed by his Excellency, Governor John Winthrop, and the Massachusetts General Court. This was the first military charter granted in this Hemisphere and it permitted the events that we have celebrated ever since. That first muster and drumhead election took place here on Boston Common on the first Monday of June in 1638.

The Military Company of Massachusetts soon took its respected place in BOSTON, the hub of the universe, which will later became the medical center of the world; the place of the signing of the Suffolk resolves, the first public school, the first use of penicillin, the first public library, the first town meeting, and the home of the 2004 World Series Champions. Our beloved and respected Company is just one of many fine and irreplaceable assets of a great culture and life known as Boston.

Today is a day of great celebration. We rightfully celebrate and re-affirm our place in this City on the Hill. We celebrate and confirm our practiced traditions as an old and rich and ancient Company.

Since today is also the Sixth of June, it is fitting that we pause for a moment in silent and prayerful reflection upon the enormous sacrifices that were made by the generation before us, the nine divisions of allied personnel that bravely accomplished the most massive amphibious assault in the history of the world, the Normandy Invasion of 1944. Many of the members of that

Greatest Generation who were involved in landing on those embattled shores have, in peacetime, proudly worn the uniform of this Company and some are even present here today. Let us now bow our heads and individually make a silent prayer of thanks to God for the allied success that day and beg His merciful grace on the souls of those many fine men who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we and those that follow may live in peace and freedom.

Today being the first Monday of June, we meet and parade through the streets in exactly the same way witnessed by such personages of the past as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. For the three hundred and sixty-eighth consecutive year, with your help, we are now joyously recreating the First Muster of this company and the election of its first officers.

We parade from Faneuil Hall to the first public park in our country. In Faneuil Hall, that citadel of liberty, we house our Armory with its much cherished and noted museum. In 1899 after the expansion of Faneuil Hall, we commissioned five Boston artists to paint 13 historic events depicting this nation's birth from the Mayflower Compact of 1620 to the sea engagement of the USS Constitution and the HMS Guerriere in 1812. These century old paintings today still adorn the walls of our meeting place. Our museum protects the famous Prescott bowl given to us by Jonathan Hunewell in 1805.

We have, for all to see, the photographs of the B-17 and the B-24 bomber aircrafts that the US ARMY AIR CORPS named after this Company because of the war bonds that our members bought in 1943 when their goal was but, $53,000, they contributed 1.2 million dollars. We have our oldest artifact, the Samuel Sewell FERRULE, dating from 1700.

Visited by more than 26,000 people each year from all over the world, the museum holdings include many Presentation Swords, invaluable older military uniforms, and the much coveted riding saddle of the Confederacy's great military strategist General P.G.T. Beauregard, the rebel hero of Fort Sumter.

There also can be found artifacts of the Company's fall field day tours of duty. On these tours of duty this company has carried the good will and exemplary citizenship of Boston to places like New Orleans, to Reykjavik, to Budapest, to London, to Ottawa, to Malta, Moscow, Beirut, Helsinki, to

Rio, to Dublin, to Germany, the Panama Canal, Tel Aviv, Copenhagen, to Warsaw, Bratislava, New Delhi, to Paris, to Sicily, to Bangkok. This Company has been welcomed and commended by Pontiffs and Queens, Presidents and Prime Ministers, accomplished government and military leaders and people across the globe.

Our military library is one of the largest and most revered military collections of printed material in this country.

We celebrate and elect our leaders on a drum head in the first public park in our country. Among our members have been many of the most distinguished citizens of the community...leaders of commerce, education, religious life, and the professions. Four of our members have served as our country's President and many have donned our nation's uniform and entered harm's way to fight for liberty and justice for all. Our members have served in every war and conflict this country's flag has flown over from Bunker Hill to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Eight members have received this nation's highest award for valor for action against an enemy force. THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

We celebrate the election of new leaders this afternoon as this Company continues its duty to watch over the fires of its purpose and service.

In this House of Prayer are many of the hard working members who prepared this Company for another century. They have brought this precious vessel of history into the 21st century. As this institution, the oldest military Company in this hemisphere, is turned over by proven leaders to those that follow, let us pray that this iiistitution continues to be a Company of well defined purpose and meaning, a contributor to the common good and a purposeful organization of heroes of military service, of commerce, religious life, education, industry and the professions...selfless all in their burning hearts.

May the Good Lord continue in His merciful protection of our company and may He hasten the peace that will allow our country's citizens in uniform to return home safe and sound at the earliest possible moment.

ANCIENT & HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS
367th JUNE DAY BANQUET

CAPTAIN COMMANDING
Captain William J. O'Brien, Sr.
296th Commander

ADJUTANT
Colonel Thomas E. Richter

Held at
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PROCEEDINGS

ADJUTANT RICHTER: Ladies and gentlemen, good evening .Welcome to the 367th June Day banquet.

CAPTAIN COMMANDING O'BRIEN: I want to welcome you all to the 367th June Day banquet. It's a pleasure for me to greet all of the military, all of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company families and friends. Ladies and gentlemen, please stand and give your attention to the adjunct.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: To the man who must bear his burden while upholding the constitution of the United States, to the leader of our great nation and the leader of the free world, may God grant his strength, wisdom, humility, to the President of the United States, George W. Bush.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: America's closest and perhaps only ally is the United Kingdom. Throughout the 20th and into the 21st we have stood shoulder to shoulder to defeat enemies of Democracy. No one better exemplifies history and tradition than the queen. To her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, II.

CAPTAIN COMMANDING O'BRIEN: Please take your seats. May I have your attention for the Adjutant.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: Once again, I would ask you to raise your glasses for our third toast. As contentious as our politics may be, as diverse as our population is, as vast as our nation is, we are one people, united and standing strong against the forces of evil who want to destroy the rights of people, freedom and opportunity. To the United States of America, may she always remain strong and free.

CAPTAIN COMMANDING O'BRIEN: Responding to the toast is the Honourable Andrew Card, a member of the legislature of Massachusetts, who in 1976 served as a state representative and has moved on and is now the Chief of Staff to the president of the United States. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you, with great pleasure, and our terrific honor, our guest speaker, the Honourable Andrew Card.

CHIEF OF STAFF CARD: Reverend Clergy, I thank you for being here. Commander O'Brien, thank you very much. My good friend, Joe Milano, who invited me to join with you, I thank him. Governor Healey, thank you.. All the elected officials here, not only from Massachusetts but some are here from New Hampshire as well, Mayor Menino, thank you.

I want to pay particular tribute to Captain Tom Kelly and Captain Hudner, who have graced us with their presence who have been true heroes.

We just heard a wonderful toast to the United States of America.

America is freedom's home, and we've been freedom's defender. And I'd like to talk a little bit about that, if it's all right. Our forefathers laid the foundation for a great nation. I'm sure that the nation is much greater than that which they envisioned. They did that by standing united, challenging, seeking independence and freedom, and they worked together to write a constitution, a constitution that has proven to be an enduring and true guide for not only American people, for America's governments, but it's been a guide and a light for the entire world, and men like John Hancock and Sam Adams, Thomas Jefferson and the Hamiltons and the Madisons, they secured principals that were expressed in that Declaration of Independence that John Hancock so proudly signed, and it was because they created the document particularly of, by, and for all of us that we have a Constitution that formed a government that balances authority with liberty, national unity with individual rights, federal interests with state power.

That isn't to say that everyone in this country has the same views. It's certainly not to say that all those who formed the Constitution had the same views. I don't think they knew where American would be or find itself some 229 years

later. We know Jefferson and Hamilton, for example, had two very different views of what America would one day look like, but the goal of our founding fathers was clear; it was to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and for prosperity.

That Constitution is not dead, but it's a living, almost a breathing document which requires our preservation, our protection and our defense. Article 2 of the Constitution provides the words that are spoken by everyone who becomes president of the United States. It's the shortest oath taken by anyone who serves in government. It calls for him to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution. That's all it says. And every president, beginning with George Washington, added the words, "So help me God." It was a great privilege for me to be with our current president when he did place his left hand on that Bible, which was held by his wife, and be administered the oath by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, when he said that he would preserve, protect and defend that Constitution. When his hand came down, there was applause, and he had accepted the most awesome responsibilities in our land. And after he gave that address, he delivered an inaugural address. And I'm sure more people paid attention to that inaugural address than they did to the words the president spoke to become the president of the United States.

But then there was a faithful day, faithful day, September 11, 2001. It was a beautiful, sunny day. The president was in Florida, and I was with him. And he entered a classroom right after he had been told that it looks like a small two-engine prop plane had crashed into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. And when the doors shut to that classroom I was told, "It looks like that was a jet liner." And then, Oh, my gosh, another plane has crashed into the other tower. I stood at the door to that classroom, and I performed a test that I frequently perform.

If I were president, would I want to know? The answer is yes. So I had to form a strategy of telling the president, knowing that he was in front of very young school children with a press corp watching every move, and I decided

I would pass on two facts and make one comment, and I would not invite a question or stand there for a debate. I opened the door to the classroom, took one step in. The president was talking. Then a student responded. And I walked up to his right ear and bent over, and I said, "A second plane hit the second tower. America is under attack."

I then stepped back from the president so that he couldn't ask me a question. He collected his thoughts without introducing any fear into those very young students or displaying any fear to the watching world that was seeing him through the eyes of the press conference, and then he excused himself and he came into a holding room. And I watched as the president kept that oath to preserve, protect, and defend that Constitution.

Every day that I see the president he is living that oath. He is freedom's defender. We understand that with that great privilege guaranteed in our Constitution comes responsibilities, and those responsibilities are met by others who also take an oath, and many of them volunteer to serve, and what they do is help to bring freedom as they defend freedom. You know in the president's second inaugural address which was delivered earlier this year after he again took that oath to preserve, protect and defend us, he said we are lead by events and common sense to one conclusion, that survival of liberty in our land depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hopes for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world. America's policy of supporting liberty around the world is nothing new.

From Wilson's 14 points to Reagan's famous "tear down this wall" speech, America has been leading the march. In the last year and-a-half we have witnessed a rose revolution in Georgia, an orange revolution in the Ukraine, a purple revolution in Iraq, a tulip revolution in Kyrgystan,a cedar revolution in Lebanon. President Vladimir held a wonderful ceremony and talked about the freedom that has come to the Baltics and how they are practicing, and in Freedom Square in Georgia we heard the president's remarkable speech to 125,000 people and after he finished his speech spontaneously the crowd started to sing the National Anthem. Not the Georgian National Anthem, but our National Anthem. We've witnessed the swiftest advance of freedom in over 25 years, a story of Democracy that is continuing to this day. You know, back in the '70s when I was serving in the legislature, there were about 40 democracies in the world and as the 20th century ended there were around

120, and we've seen more added since in this 21st century. It's no accident that the rise of so many democracies took place in a time when the world's most influential nation was itself a Democracy. President Bush has promised us a support of Democracy as not primarily the task of arms, though we will defend ourselves and our friends by force of arms when necessary; freedom by its nature must be chosen and it must be defended by citizens, and the president believes that the advance of freedom is the calling of our time and he knows he can't do this job alone.

We gave a toast to the United States of America. The toast really belongs to the people of this great land, the people who are the United States of America. And I talked about those who have taken oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and the ones who put on the uniform and today they put it on as volunteers, and they take that oath to preserve, protect, and defend us, but they also take a longer oath that calls for them to follow the command of the commander chief. And many of them are very young, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18 years old, and when they raised their hand and took that oath they knew it was serious, and then the president asked them to help him keep his oath, and they rose to the challenge. You know, I get to see the president very early in the morning and very late at night and during the course of the day, and you get to see him through your television screens and through articles written in newspapers, but there are some times when you don't get to see the president, and the most challenging of times are not the ones that you see or even read about, for when he goes to Walter Reed Hospital or Bethesda Naval Hospital he doesn't take the entourage of the president. He walks into a room and there's a soldier or a Marine and they go to salute the Commander and Chief, but they don't have an arm, or they go to stand to greet the president, but they don't have a leg, and the President stands beside them and a citation is read, and the president pins a Purple Heart on them and says, "On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you for your sacrifice." Or when the president goes to an event similar to this, we might meet in a holding room after the event and there's a family clutching a photograph or an American flag, and there are tears and there are prayers, and the president says, "On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you for your sacrifice." That's not what a president has to do, but it's what this president does. Every morning when I see him he comes into

that oval office, and he thinks about those who are keeping their oath so that he is able to keep his oath for all of us. I look forward to telling him about this evening because I've met many of you here who have served your country. I've met two heros who have sacrificed much, but even they know that there were others who sacrificed even more so that we could be here as a group. The Ancient & Honorable Artillery

Company has done so much to keep traditions alive, to remind us of all that Democracy brings. Their roots go back to 1638, but your tradition is something that will go on far in the future, and I'm intrigued at the relationship between the Ancient & Honorables as a relationship between the United States and Great Britain. Great allies. Tomorrow the prime minister of Great Britain visits Washington, DC. We'll be talking about the partnership we have in defending freedom and fighting for Democracy.

You see, President Bush is proud to stand as the president of United States. He knows spreading freedom is very important, but it takes allies, and you represent the bridge of those allies. With the roots of the Ancient & Honorable and the traditions that you have, you give us a reason to understand why our Constitution is so important. But I have to say that that which you do here in the United Massachusetts is introducing people to responsibility. Your responsibilities go far beyond that which is done by any normal military. remember Billy Bulger one time saying, "The Ancient & Honorables, first in peace, last in war." But you know that the peace that you bring is inclusive,it's reflective of the great land that we live in. And as you travel around this globe in the exciting trips that are put together by the Captain Commander, you are helping to introduce peace, you're helping to introduce the value of freedom.

The President went to a small country on his next to the last trip to Europe. When I was growing up it was part of the country Czechoslovakia. Now it's the Slovakia Republic. We went to the small city of Bratislava. It's a beautiful city. The president went to address the crowd of people gathered in the square of the town, and just before he was going out to greet the people and give the speech he had a meeting with the Prime Minister. I didn't expect it to be that memorable a meeting. The real event for that day was going to be addressing the crowds gathered in front of the town hail. But the prime minister welcomed the president and his party to a small office and before

the president went to take his seat, the prime minister said, "Mr. President, every president of the United States has done a wonderful job of protecting Democracy, and you're doing that, too, but even more than that, you are helping to spread Democracy, and we're proud to be with you as you do it."

Those troops from the Slovakia Republic have been standing side by side with us in Afghanistan, standing side by side with us in Iraq. They've been fighting for freedom and Democracy, and that's a great testament to the United States. So the Commonwealth of Massachusetts laid a foundation that allows our great land to stand on. It was our Massachusetts Constitution that helped guide the way for other Constitutions around the world, but you represent the best of America and the best of the Commonwealth and a great tradition that will help to spread freedom, respect our past, and the challenges that were made for us to be there.

So I appreciate that glasses were raised, that a tribute was given to the people of the United States of America. May God continue to bless this great country, and may God continue to bless all of you. Thank you very much.

CAPTAIN COMMANDING O'BRIEN: It has always been our custom to give this Revere bowl. And I think we're very, very fortunate to have a person of the quality of Andrew Card as our Chief of Staff. And we are so proud to have him here this evening. And I want to present him with this bowl from the members of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company. Thank you very much.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: Please raise your glasses. Massachusetts may be the most independent minded state in the nation. After all, we harken back to a group of men and women who rebelled against every government of their day. We are a quirky state. We are also a state of wonderful traditions, history, educational institutions, innovation, national beauty, and a certain Yankee charm. To our home State, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the real birth place of America.

Responding to the Fourth Toast, the person who needs no introduction to us. The Lieutenant Governor has always been here. There's been a great mutual respect, and we honor her, and we ask her to please respond to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HEALEY: Thank you, Captain Commanding, Mr. Mayor. It's always a pleasure to be here in your city. Captain Kelly, Captain Hudner, and all the honored guests including the leaders of all the branches of our military who are joining us here today. Thank you for coming here and being with us, and thank you for that toast.

On behalf of the Commonwealth I'm honored to mark the 367th anniversary of the granting of the charter of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company. As the oldest chartered military company in the western hemisphere, this organization holds a special place in the history of Massachusetts, and for the last several months visits from the president of Rwanda, the Prime Minister of Greece, the president of Afghanistan, have kept the members of this company busy, and I thank you for your assistance in welcoming our distinguished guests.

On behalf of Governor Romney and myself, I want you to know that I appreciate your service to the Commonwealth and your dedication to the principles that make our nation free and great.

This evening I'd particularly like to acknowledge the service of our outgoing commander, Colonel William O'Brien, and offer best wishes to his successor, incoming Captain Paul Morrill.

Congratulations.

I consider you both good friends to the Commonwealth, and I look forward to working with you in the coming year as we have for the previous three. I'd also like to thank General Joe Milano, who continues to serve with distinction as the Governor's aide-de-camp. He is so much more than that, and we always enjoy seeing him and working with him, and it is a pleasure to be here with him tonight.

Today we are all united, not just in pride for the unique legacy of this company, but also in gratitude for the broader military position this company represents. A little over six decades ago on this day our Armed Forces launched the greatest military campaign in history, the crusade to liberate Europe. Now they are fighting to bring freedom to a part of the world that for far too long has known only fear and oppression. Today and every day we stand united in our support for America's Armed Forces in the war on terror.

Our soldiers embody the spirit of men who founded this Ancient & Honorable Company and represent the very best that our nation has to offer.

And so I ask you to raise your glasses to this State, to this United States, and to this country. God bless you all.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: Thank you Lieutenant Governor. This signifies the freedom and independence that this company represents. This is the Lincoln cup on behalf of the man who this cup is named after. Lincoln certainly would be proud that we passed this to our Lieutenant Governor, Kerry Healey.

CAPTAIN COMMANDING O'BRIEN: Ladies and gentlemen, please give your attention to the Adjutant.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: Once again, please rise. No other city in the United States has a history and tradition of Boston. Brave men and women found this place on the edge of a dark wilderness. They sewed the seeds of a nation. They founded a city whose sons and daughters would exercise a positive influence throughout the world. They plowed ground to grow innovators of science, business, education, medicine, and the law. This city produced men and women willing to die for the principals of Democracy, religious freedom, and the rights of human beings to be free. Ours is a city of diverse cultures. To our home, the City of Boston.

Responding to the toast is a person who persevered through the political problems and quagmires of the City of Boston. The man who I believe will hold the longest running term of any mayor in the history of the City of Boston.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the Honourable Thomas Menino.

MAYOR MENINO: Thanks very much for the introduction and those great words. It's really a pleasure to be here at the Park Plaza to celebrate June Day for the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company. Hasn't Bill O'Brien got younger in the last three hours? And Paul Morrill's had a smile on his face for about six hours. Bill, thank you for all that you've done for us in the City of Boston last year and, Paul, good luck to you as the new Captain Commander of the Ancient & Honorable. Let me just say briefly, the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company does a tremendous job keeping our patriotic tradition alive, especially when it comes to honoring those who serve and sacrifice for our country.

We all know the history of the Ancient & Honorable. Boston's seven years older than the Ancient & Honorable. It still is the oldest and well trained Artillery Company we have. Still active. But let me just say what I really appreciate about the Ancient & Honorable. Every Patriot's Day, every Fourth of July, Memorial Day, what's the one organization that's there all the time, showing the flag? The Ancient & Honorable. There to send the message out of Patriotism. That's so important, because our young people today in America don't understand how we have the freedom we have today. They don't have the first idea of what patriotism is all about. you've done, and in closing words those men and women who are in Afghanistan and Iraq, on the borders of Europe, let's not forget them. They left their families, their children, their partners, to be over there fighting so we can have the freedom we have today. Never forget those individuals. They didn't ask questions why. They're there because they care about maintaining the freedom we have in America today, and that's one thing we don't teach our kids today; that freedom does not come cheap.People have to make sacrifices for the freedom we have in America today. We have to congratulate those men and women who are over there today. And the Ancient & Honorable, thank you for what you do for the City of Boston. Thank you.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: On behalf of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company those words certainly produce the kind of freedom we've received, and it's with great pleasure I can introduce and give to him the Lincoln bowl which represents freedom and liberty for all of us. Mayor Menino, congratulations.

CAPTAIN COMMANDING O'BRIEN: Please give your attention to the Adjutant.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: Please rise. The world is a dangerous place and we are against an enemy who respects no motives, no rule of civilized conduct and no aspect of common humanity. The enemy is literally the barbarian at the gates of civilization as we know it. Every day brave men and women are standing watch to guard those gates against these savages. We must never forget their sacrifice. We pray for victory and their safe return. A Toast to the Armed Forces of the United States.

Ladies and gentlemen, it's our great pleasure to introduce Brigadier General, Major Oliver Mason who will respond to the toast. Oliver.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MASON: Thank you very much. I have to say this, being my first opportunity for being here this has been a great learning experience, and I think as time goes on it will only get better. I'm honored to be here tonight. I'm going to tell you a little bit about what is going on in the Massachusetts National Guard. The men and women of the Massachusetts National Guard Army and Air have been totally engaged in their dual missions, both Federal and State. The National Guard has two commanders, the President of the United States for our federal division, and the Governor for the State mission and response to domestic emergencies national and man-made. These are challenging times for our men and women of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, soldiers and air men. The modern day patriots are on duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, and at home, totaling approximately 990 Guard members. We are currently preparing 350 more Army National Guardsmen for deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan. The fact is that our soldiers have been carrying out this mission in a superior manner as evidenced by the 42 division artillery which is doing an outstanding job in Iraq as we are here tonight. Since September 11 the National Guard has been called to duty in overseas missions and providing security here in Massachusetts and around the nation. They were the first to arrive at the World Trade Center in response to the scores of Baystate soldiers called to duty during those first hours during the terrorists attacks ultimately calming the fears of our citizens and restoring the calm of the general public.

They follow in the footsteps of the previous members of the guard who have served in every conflict in our nation's history. Following the attacks on September 11, Guard members were on duty in 2001 guarding power stations. Last July they made up an important part of the joint force operation during the Democratic National Convention here in Boston. This past January, again, the Guard was called out, Army and Air, during the blizzard that devastated this State. I can go on and on, as you well know. Our partners in the Veteran's Administration continually provide assistance to our Guard members and families insuring that their needs are taken care of. They're made of highly-trained, experienced men and women, and they

stand ready to respond. The role of the National Guard today is no different than it was since the beginning, standing ready for the call of the president and the governor, ready when they need us. Yes, these are challenging times, but our guard members meet these challenges and do their job because they love it. But this toast is to all the service members, and I have to tell you that as I look out across this room there are many of them here representing every branch of service. You deserve it. You're everywhere doing what is necessary to keep the torches of freedom, and keep the stars and stripes waiving.

Thank you to the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company for inviting me here. Thank you for being our partners and for what you do for the Service men and women of this great Commonwealth. Thank you very much.

CAPTAIN COMMANDING O'BRIEN: We're honored to have you here tonight. It's certainly a pleasure for us to have the leader of our National Guard supporting us, and it's an honor for me to present you with the Jefferson Cup, which shows industry and independence and freedom for not only the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but the United States of America. Thank you very much.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: With faithfulness to believe that there will always be an England so long as brave men and women are willing to stand for her. These are the principals of our friend and traditional ancestors. They have served for nearly 500 years. May the service continue for the Honourable march of the tunes of glory. To the Honourable Artillery Company of London, responding to the Toast, Major Patrick Marsland-Roberts, a member of the Honorable Artillery Company.

MAJOR MARSLAND-ROBERTS: Captain Commanding, incoming Captain, and gentlemen of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts and your honored guests here tonight, from the Honourable Artillery Company of London we extend their congratulations and their best wishes to the incoming captain. Next year is going to be a very special occasion when we join together at the Vatican to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Swiss Guard.

This will be the first occasion that the Swiss Guard will be there that they have invited any military unit in their celebrations. This is,indeed, a very

special, great honor for both our companies. I can assure you the Artillery Company are sharpening up their drills for next year. The queen, her Majesty, will be visiting. And thank you very much for the hospitality afforded to us.

CAPTAIN COMMANDER O'BRIEN: Major Roberts, it's a pleasure to give you this to take back over the pond, as you call it. I went there. It was a wonderful, wonderful time. I exchanged and sang songs with all of your leaders. We stood on chairs and I saw a proud people and a proud country, and we are proud of our country. We wish you to bring this back over the pond and show them that we appreciate their support of loyalty to the United States of America. Thank you.

Please give your attention to the Adjutant.

ADJUTANT RICHTER: Once again, I ask you to rise. History and traditions are born to people, to cities and to our country. History and traditions are fragile. They are precious flowering plants and need to be nurtured if we are to survive and grow. This country has inherited the responsibility to house this beautiful garden of history and tradition. We are the keepers of something sacred. The living story of our city, our Commonwealth and our country, for this and future generations to the historical roots of our Boston American tradition. Were it not for our grand old Company, how much of Massachusetts tradition would be forgotten? History is what brings the people together; white, black, Asian, and many others, native born and immigrant, military and nonveteran. We are the fabric of America. We each bear the responsibility of keeping the story alive, of nurturing good citizenship, patriotism and support for those who defend it. We are the keepers of the garden. To our grand old Company, the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company.

CAPTAIN COMMANDER O'BRIEN: This will be my last opportunity to address you Gentlemen, it took a long time for me to get up here to finish my final talk to you people, and I can tell you that I've enjoyed every minute of it, but one of the things I know is that I'm going to spend my time paying tribute to our country and to those in service to our country, many of whom who are here today and many who are serving abroad in Iraq, Afghanistan, and even in America.

Ladies and gentlemen, it's been an honor and pleasure for me to serve

you, but from the time I started this year and I read the Declaration of Independence, until you sit down and read that document you won't realize how powerful it was, and how our fore bearers wanted us to be independent, wanted us to be free, wanted us to be here at this June Day banquet this evening, and this is our legacy to the rest of the world and to this country, that our legacy, the United States of America, is for freedom. Freedom not only here but for freedom all over the world.

Sometimes we in the Company don't realize our tradition, sometimes we don't understand that we have a patriotism that's unquestionable; we have a number of presidents, and yes, we even have some new politicians coming up the line, and we saw that politics is not a dirty word. It's a very important word. We have an election every year. It's a free and open election and everyone can participate. That's what makes our country great, and that's what makes us great. As I traveled to New Orleans and walked on the battlefield we realized at that particular time in 1812 that we defeated the greatest country in the world, and we are now the greatest country in the world. It's not easy to stay up there. With your sacrifices in the military -- yes, even the Marines -- even with your support, gentlemen, we will prevail, because we have that great intestinal fortitude that says we will be there, we will be there at the finish line and for our independence.

We traveled to Las Vegas. We saw a lot of fire. That was an amazing thing. It was just amazing. In America we did Gettysburg and Washington under the leadership of Jerry Sweeney, and it was a wonderful, wonderful trip. I'll tell you, when you see how those people fought, all Americans six feet apart, tell me about the courage of the people in this country. They're above reproach. And it's an honor to be part of this country, and it's been an honor for me to serve you people as your Captain. And I can tell you one thing, gentlemen, I am very, very pleased, but I can tell you one thing, I'm leaving office with more friends, yes, than when I went in.

Gentlemen, I salute you, I thank you, and God bless this country, and God bless America. Thank you. Thank you very much.

You know at the end of every successful year there's always a successful person following it, and this year is no exception. We have our next Captain Commander, who has planned a magnificent year for this troop; a man who I totally support and will do anything in my power to help him succeed. I've

worked with him. This June Day banquet was planned with him. He said, "Be sure to tell everybody I picked out the meal." I'm not sure if that's always a good thing. But, gentlemen, I tell you, it's a great honor for me to give to you, the 297th Captain Commander, for his remarks, Paul E. Morrill.

CAPTAIN COMMANDER MORRILL: Thank you, Bill. Bill O'Brien, Captain Kelly, Commanders, fellow friends, one and all. First, I'd like to thank the National Guard and all the units that came from across the New England states to come and help us with our June Day celebration today. The Ancients honor you and thank you for coming here. I wish to congratulate our 296th Past Commander Colonel Bill O'Brien, First Lieutenant Dan May, the Second Lieutenant Jerome Sweeney, his Chief of Staff, Captain Joseph Benoit, Past Commander, and the man down the end here, Colonel Thomas Richter, his Adjutant.

And the entire staff for an outstanding year. I also want to thank Bill for his assistance during the transition of our command as your Captain. I promise to uphold the rules and regulations of the Ancients & Honorable and to strongly maintain the customs and traditions which have made our Company what it is today in those same traditions and the links to the past that brought me into this great Company. My ancestry leads back to the very first June Day on the Boston Common 368 years ago. At this time I would like to introduce my staff, First Lieutenant John Bradley, Second Lieutenant, Michael W. Downing, my Chief of Staff of the 268th command, Captain Robert D. Murphy, and my Adjutant Colonel Thomas E. Richter, and my two aides, my sons, Lieutenant Jeffrey and Lieutenant Paul Morrill.

I would like the rest of my staff to stand and be recognized. And I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Would all my staff please stand up.

Now I'd like to acknowledge my family and friends; my brother, Jimmy, perspective member, I hope; my son-in-law, another perspective member, Kevin Romano, my brother-in-law, George Frizzilotti; my friend Thomas Green, Michael Green and Tom Curley

COMMANDER KEELAN: I'm very pleased at this time to present to Captain William O'Brien the miniature gorget that represents the past commander, and he would be a member of the Past Commanders Association, and he's

done a good job. We wish him well, and he's a great guy.

CAPTAIN COMMANDER O'BRIEN: Thank you, Eddie. I'll tell you, if there's one person I wanted to give this award to me it's Eddie Keelan.

I said, "I'll be there to come to Eddie." I thank you all. I thank you for a wonderful time.

While I have Eddie here, I know he expressed this, he expressed what sergeants you have. Could you stand up sergeants down there. These are the guys that brought us the people of our Company who served the Second World War. Again, these are the American sergeants, part of the United States of America.

COMMANDER KEELAN: That was probably the best publication, and I am now in my 56th year as an Ancient. And thank you very much.

CAPTAIN COMMANDER O'BRIEN: Thank you. It was easier getting elected than getting this on. Thanks, Eddie.

CAPTAIN COMMANDING MORRILL: At this time I'd like to call upon a new Past Commander, William O'Brien, to close this night.

CAPTAIN COMMANDER O'BRIEN: You know, I am closing it, but I can't close it without introducing those leaders in the future, my First Lieutenant, Dan May. Would you please stand, and stay standing, please. After Dan would be Lieutenant John Bradley. Would you please stand. And after John Bradley, the Lieutenant, Jerry Sweeney. And after Jerry, Michael Downing, and of course we want our -- I asked them to stay standing so that you can see what we are in for, what tremendous leaders they're all going to be, and we're very fortunate to have them in line to take over this company. I thank my lieutenant for standing there. And I know you're going to have a fabulous year. Thank you, gentlemen. Please be seated.

I would now like to call on Brigadier Gary Papas, Commander of the Massachusetts Army National Guard for the firing shell presentation.

BRIGADIER GENERAL PAPAS: You know, it's become a tradition every year the National Guard makes a presentation to the outgoing Commander and the incoming second lieutenant. I was wondering, "Why is that?" Well, after you see how the progression of officers go you understand that at the end

of the day an outgoing Captain has a set of book ends. That in mind, I'd like to make a presentation to the incoming second lieutenant, Michael, on behalf of the National Guard, this firing shell. Thank you very much.

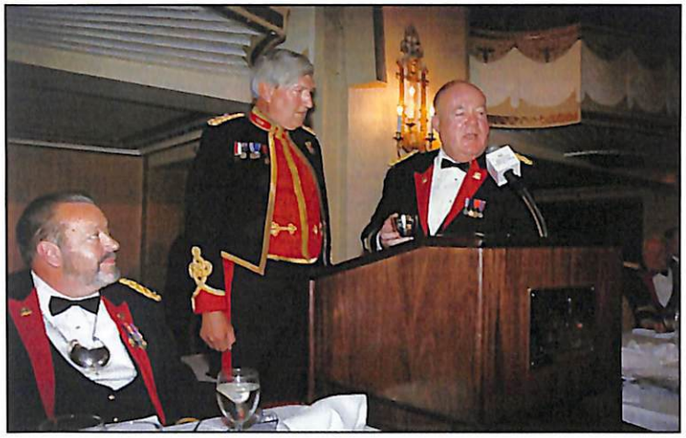
Now for the other book end. It gives me extreme pleasure to make this presentation to a good friend, a tremendous Captain, and someone I have a lot of respect for, Captain Billy O'Brien.

CAPTAIN COMMANDER O'BRIEN: I just need one more for another book end. I would like to say that it's been a wonderful, wonderful meeting. We are coming to a close. I would like to call on Chaplain Robert M. Durkee for the benediction.

CHAPLAIN DURKEE: Almighty God, bless our men and women in the Service in far away places in dangerous assignments. Bless our nation and those leaders who are entrusted with freedom for all. Bless our families. Bless our company in this coming year. Bless us this night we pray, 0 Lord, in our journeys homeward. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

CAPTAIN COMMANDER O'BRIEN: If you would stay standing, I would like Frank to lead us in "God Bless America."

This officially brings a close to the 367th June day celebration.



CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

DEATH ROLL OF PAST COMMANDERS

BG James E. Clair, PC

James "Ernie" Clair was born on Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia on 29 December 1923. He grew up in Watertown where he graduated from Watertown high school. He later graduated from Burdette Business School.

During World War II, Ernie served in the U. S. Army. He was assigned to Special Forces that fought with the Italian resistance in the mountains of Italy. For "incidents above and beyond the call of duty" Ernie was awarded the Cross Of War by the Italian government, a rare distinction for an American soldier. After the war, Ernie decided to make his mark in the automotive industry. He had worked as a car mechanic, then as a car salesman, then a sales manager, and in 1964, he bought his first automobile agency in West Roxbury - Clair Motors. He was so successful and aggressive that Ernie, at last count, owned 19 auto dealerships in three states. Ernie was an avid sportsman. In his youth he raced midget cars throughout New England. He always maintained a single digit golf handicap. He was a dedicated woodsman and hunted frequently at his own hunting lodge in Maine. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts elected Ernie into membership on 14 September 1959. He immediately brought his drive to that organization and quickly rose to the pinnacle of leadership with the Ancients. He was elected Captain Commanding in 1970-71. He led the company to Amsterdam, Holland and Budapest, Hungary, becoming the first Captain to lead the Company behind the Iron Curtain. Ernie is survived by his wife, Brenda Waring Clair, four sons - two of whom, Jim, Jr. and Joe are active Ancients - a daughter, a step-daughter and twelve grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Saint Joseph's church in Needham on Wednesday 15 December 2004. The Ancients' Color Guard and more than 50 uniformed members of the company attended the services as a final tribute to a distinguished Past Commander. At the time of his passing, Ernie was the Senior Past Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts.

MG John F. Cremens, PC

Major General John F. Cremens was elected to membership on 15 April 1977. Sponsored by Brigadier General Fred E. Pereira and referred by Major James S. O'Connell, Lieutenant Thomas P. Dillon and Lieutenant Commander Paul H. Snow. He was an active member having participated in most Company events as well as fall tours of duty. John was elected to First Sergeant of Infantry in 1969 under the command of Captain Calvin W. Clayton and appointed Judge Advocate by Brigadier General James E. Clair. He was often called upon to assist in legal opinions. After being elected Second Lieutenant in 1972, he served as First Lieutenant in 1974 and Captain Commanding in 1976 when he led the company to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

John was a life-long resident of Cambridge and served the community in many capacities. He was educated at Cambridge Latin, Boston College and Boston College Law School. During World War II, John served in Naval Intelligence in both the European and the Pacific theatres. As a member of the Massachusetts State Guard, he was appointed Brigadier General by Governor Dukakis and retired with the rank of Major General.

As an attorney in Boston for many years with a very successful practice, John represented many distinguished clients. He entered politics as a member of the Cambridge School Committee and later served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He was elected Commander of Post 27 American Legion, Exalted Ruler of Cambridge Lodge of Elks and member of the Boston Chapter of Military Order of World Wars; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Knight of Malta, a fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and Knight Commander Order of Saint George in Corinthia.

The husband of the late Agnes Sullivan, John is survived by two sons, John and Charles and three daughters, Liz, Cornelia and Kate.

John will be most remembered for his sense of humor and ability to tell a great story. He was always eager to engage in conversation on a variety of subjects and enjoyed the friendship of many during a full life.

COL William F. DiPesa, PC

A veteran, certified public accountant and lawyer.

A lifelong resident of Milton; he spent his summers in Scituate. He was a graduate of Boston College High school, Harvard College, Bentley College, and Suffolk University Law School.

He was survived by his wife Mary Jane (O'Hara), four daughters, four sons, and 17 grandchildren.

He succeeded his father as managing partner of the accounting Charles E. Di Pesa & Co., work there for more than 50 years.

Williiam Di Pesa He was a board member and chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Public Accountancy for 15 years. He was a longtime member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts serving as Captain Commanding

COL John F. McNulty, PC

Col. John F. McNulty was elected to membership on September 8, 1975. The Captain Commander at the time was Col. Ernest Montilio. For 29 years he served the company with distinction and honor. He was active in many company events and attended many tours of duty. His first was in October 1975.

He was elected 3rd Sgt. of Infantry in 1982 under the command of Col. William Dipesa. He was elected to 2nd LT in 1990, 1st LT in 1992, and Captain in 1994. He brought the company to Australia and New Zealand for his tour of duty. Also he lead a group of Ancients to Normandy France on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Jack was a very active person not only in his personal life but in business as well. He was a member of the Elks, Masons, 100 Club, and the 1638 Squadron. He was a pilot and enjoyed flying his plane.

As an insurance agent for 8 years he was the top producing agent for Mutual of Omaha and served as President of the advisory council. He also found time to become an owner of a Chevrolet dealership.

Jack was born 7/23/35 in Brookline Mass. He is survived by his wife Donna and five children: Marc, Brian, Jeff, Karen, and Joanne. Both Marc and Brian are members of the AHAC.

Jack will be sorely missed.

CPT Louis A. Zuliani, PC

Zuliani, Louis A. of Canton, formerly of Dedham April - Beloved husband of Rita A. Lynch Zuliani. Father of David J. Zuliani of FLA & Michelle Zuliani Cohen of CA. Step-father of Karen C. Manning and Julie R. Pfeifer both of Dedham. Brother of Vilma Zuliani of N.H. and Alcida deClaire of AZ. Also survived by 4 grandchildren. Funeral mass at St. Gerard Majella Church 1860 Washington St. Canton Saturday morning at 10. Visiting hours at the Alfred D. Thomas Funeral Home 326 Granite Ave Milton Friday (4-8 pm). Interment Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. Veteran United States Army.

Past Captain Commanding 2000-2001 of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Mass.

DEATH ROLL
7 June 2004 – 6 June 2005

Mr. Isadore J. Malatesta
Died: 1 June 2004
Enrolled: 7 April 1947
Served: 57 Years
Senior Life member

MG John F. Cremens, PC
Died: 26 July 2004
Enrolled: 15 April 1957
Served: 47 Years
Senior Life Member

COL Philip W. LaMonica
Died: 2 August 2004
Enrolled: 17 September 1973
Served: 31 Years
Senior Life Member

BG Joseph L. O'Hare, Jr.
Died: 5 August 2004
Enrolled: 20 September 1982
Served: 22 Years
Life Member

LTC James H. Buskirk
Died: 9 August 2004
Enrolled: 16 May 1966
Served: 38 Years
Senior Life member

MSG Arthur R. McMillan
Died: 11 August 2004
Enrolled: 02 April 2001
Served: 3 Years
Regular Member

Chaplain (BG) David P. Mahn
Died: 1 June 2004
Enrolled: 7 April 1947
Served: 57 Years
Senior Life member

COL John F. McNulty, PC
Died: 24 August 2004
Enrolled: 8 September 1975
Served: 29 Years
Life Member

COL Robert A. Sawtelle
Died: 27 August 2004
Enrolled: 21 April 1981
Served: 23 Years
Senior Life Member

BG William F. Croskery
Died: 22 September 2004
Enrolled: 17 April 1950
Served: 54 Years
Senior Life Member

CPT Robert Donovan
Died: 23 October 2004
Enrolled: 12 April 1986
Served: 18 Years
Regular Member

LT John Mastromarino
Died: 12 August 2004
Enrolled: 2 May 1983
Served: 21 Years
Life member

SGT Arthur L. Salvi
Died: 30 October 2004
Enrolled: 07 May 1945
Served: 59 Years
Senior Life Member

LT Carmine DiPietro
Died: 5 November 2004
Enrolled: 8 September 1970
Served: 34 Years
Senior Life Member

COL William F. DiPesa, PC
Died: 1 December 2004
Enrolled: 15 October 1956
Served: 48 Years
Senior Life Member

BG James E. Clair, PC
Died: 11 December 2004
Enrolled: 14 September 1959
Served: 45 Years
Senior Life Member

COL Joseph S. Ayoub
Died: 25 August 2004
Enrolled: 11 February 1969
Served: 35 Years
Senior Life Member

COL Zauven R. Surabian
Died: 6 January 2005
Enrolled: 17 September 1956
Served: 49 Years
Senior Life Member

AMM 3C Robert J. Hanslip
Died: 22 January 2005
Enrolled: 17 September 1984
Served: 21 Years
Senior Life Member

LT Charles Lambros
Died: 29 January 2005
Enrolled: 12 May 1958
Served: 47 years
Senior Life Member

BG Angelo A. DeAngelis
Died: 31 January 2005
Enrolled: 17 September 1977
Served: 28 Years
Life Member

COL Charles F. Hoar
Died: 15 March 2005
Enrolled: 13 September 1971
Served: 34 years
Senior Life Member

CPT Louis A. Zuliani, PC
Died: 27 April 2005
Enrolled: 12 May 1986
Served: 20 Years
Life Member

SGT Richard V. Ducey, Sr.
Died: 19 May 2005
Enrolled: 13 May 1957
Served: 48 years
Senior Life Member

CPT Vincent R. Brogna
Died: 26 December 2004
Enrolled: 13 January 1947
Served: 5 Years
Senior Life Member

LTC Jerome L. Spurr
Died: 27 May 2005
Enrolled: 18 April 1978
Served: 27 Years
Senior Life Member

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Died: 1 June 2005
Enrolled: 23 May 1988
Served: 17 Years
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